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Tasty Tuesdays

At lunchtime on a Tuesday in September, reporter ALICE PARMINTER joins around 40 people at the 305 Drop In Centre. It's a diverse group of locals: some are homeless, some are elderly, others have come with family. They're all here for a warm meal and companionship, and spirits are high.

Joseph Kaa, volunteer and chef prepares kai for Tasty Tuesday at the 305 Drop In Centre in Thames.
Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

This is Tasty Tuesday, a weekly community lunch hosted by the Living Well Trust. Several churches, including Equippers, the Baptist Church, the Catholic Church and the Brethren Church, take turns cooking, serving and cleaning. Today the kitchen is staffed by the "305ers" - regular guests from the 305 Drop In Centre and adjacent food bank at at 305 Mary St, Thames. When I arrive, it's already bustling, as people sign in and grab a glass

of cordial. Kids play in the corner; others catch up at the tables.

I tuck myself into a sofa next to Bubsy, who's here with her four-year-old daughter. She's a former meth user, she tells me, and she comes to the 305 because she feels comfortable here.

"[Meth] kept me calm, but then I started realising that I was abusing it. So I came here. And a lot of the people that I see here, they were people that I knew growing

up as a kid," she says.

"No one's judging no one."
More than just a meal, Bubsy says it's the community that keeps her coming back.

"The biggest part of it is being around people that have hit rock bottom, and they've been through so many struggles. But for me, I can learn off those people. Just to help me be a better person because geez, I'm still growing."

The benefits aren't just for her. Bubsy's

daughter is gaining valuable social interaction as well.

"That's the thing that I like about the old people," Bubsy says, gesturing at Pat, a guest sitting at the tables.

"They talk to us like we're normal people, you know? They don't pity us. [And] my kids have got no grandparents alive.

"So they interact with these ones like with grandparents and I love it. It's something

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Tasty Tuesdays fill bellies and lift spirits

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my baby's missed out on. Yeah, they're really cool, these people."

For her part, Pat is happy to oblige. "If I didn't come in, some days I wouldn't see anyone," she says.

"I rang my daughter one time, she said, 'What do you want, mum? I'm busy.'"

Across the room, people line up for food. Today's menu includes devilled sausages with mashed potatoes, garlic bread, salad, and chocolate pudding. The kitchen is overseen by Joseph Kaa, a former chef at the Workingman's Club and the Royal Oak Hotel in Tapu, who is channelling his passion for food into volunteer work.

Mel is one of the servers today; she's also on the regular cooking roster. She's been off meth and off the streets for five years now.

"Everyone here has come from either rough sleeping or we've had times in our lives where we've struggled - it's nice to give back," she says.

Amanda Goldfinch from the Living Well Trust says Mel and several other regular guests are finding a purpose in the kitchen.

"It was my idea actually to include the 305 regular people to do the Tasty Tuesday because I just feel that there's no reason why they can't give back to the community," she says. "That's been really awesome, to see them contributing to stuff. It's like there's this little light bulb moment... They're like, oh, well, we have a responsibility, and we have to take care of that and do it well."

It's a full house now, as the leftovers are bagged up and passed out. Numbers have grown at Tasty Tuesday in recent months, the trust says. And the number of distributed food parcels has nearly doubled this year - where the monthly average used to be 40, now the trust is handing out between 70 and 90 parcels each month.

The extra need coincides with a heightened public awareness of rough sleepers. Two meetings in June and July, hosted by Thames Coromandel District Council, discussed "issues surrounding rough sleeping in Thames". The meetings were attended by various community and social service groups, along with council, community board and business association members and representatives from the Police, the Ministry of Social Development and Kainga Ora Thames.

Several gaps were identified in support for rough sleepers, including a lack of accommodation, overnight shelter, work opportunities, and facilities such as showers.

However, little has come from the meetings so far. "Addressing the issues will require more funding and stronger co-



Tasty Tuesday is held at the Baptist Church in Thames.

File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

operation between government agencies, community organisations, and support services," council community partnerships co-ordinator Helen Flynn says.

"The meetings raised awareness about available support and strengthened relationships between agencies. A resource list with agency roles and contact details was also shared with those who attended."

Thames Coromandel district councillor Martin Rodley says there's also a balance council needs to strike, between providing services for those who need it and avoiding making the district attractive for other rough sleepers to move here.

"[And] as much as there are elected members who feel that yes, that is the role for council to be in that space, I think we're just being mindful of financial constraints and what our new government actually thinks we should be doing."

Some of Thames' rough sleepers aren't interested in help either, Martin says, noting that several agencies are aware of some vulnerable people who don't want support or housing.

"There is a degree of people choosing a different lifestyle to what you and I would consider normal... and sometimes it was choices that they hadn't made, around abuse [or] state care - there was just a whole range of factors going on."

The Living Well Trust's 2024 survey esti-

mates there are as many as 60 rough sleepers in Thames, mostly aged in their 20s to 50s. While three quarters of them are male, there's an even split between Pākehā and Māori.

But the trust says only 10 per cent of Tasty Tuesday's guests are homeless. The rest are simply "people who are doing it tough".

Back at the 305, things are winding up. I talk to Graeme as he runs the vacuum past my feet. "I want the public to know that it's not just for people that are homeless and that are struggling. Anybody can come here," he says. "[People] sort of look down at everybody here, whereas they should be looking up. Everybody's getting fed, everybody's happy."

"There's such a diverse age group and living circumstances," Amanda adds.

"We all just, you know, commune together."

DETAILS: In addition to Tasty Tuesdays, the 305 Drop In Centre is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm for free breakfast, tea and coffee. It's a relaxing space to connect, relax and seek spiritual guidance. The centre also operates a food bank, open Monday-Thursday, 9am-1:30pm. Contact The Living Well Trust, Ph 07 868 6274, or visit livingwell.org.nz for more information or to donate.



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Waihi Beach	-0	11	-0 12



A glass window is boarded up after an overnight ram raid at Woolworths in Paeroa on October 3.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

Ram raid, theft at Paeroa supermarket

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

A ram raid in the early hours of October 3 left a window shattered at Woolworths supermarket on Belmont Rd in Paeroa.

The attack took place around 2.25am, as a car crashed through a plate glass window between the Lotto counter and the checkouts.

Police said they were making enquiries following the activa-

tion of the store alarm.

“At around 2.25am, police were notified of a vehicle gaining access to a store...”

“The alleged offenders then took a number of items from inside the store. It is not known what was exactly taken at this stage,” a police statement read.

“The offenders then fled the area in two vehicles.”

Woolworths’ head office confirmed the break-in, and said the store would be open for

business as usual.

“We can confirm our Paeroa store was the target of a ram raid early this morning.

“The store is open as usual today, with isolated damage to the front of the store which we are working to repair promptly.

“Importantly, our team is safe and we are offering them support.”

By 9am on October 3, the window had been boarded up and cordoned off, and the su-

permarket was operating normally. Staff declined to comment, but did confirm that no one was in the store or hurt during the incident.

DETAILS: To report information relating to the ram raid, please contact police at 105.police.govt.nz, or phone 105 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. Reference number P060162242.



In Brief

EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION


The Thames Valley Embroiderers’ Guild will be holding its annual exhibition, *The Art of Stitch*, on October 31 - November 2, 10am-3pm, and November 3 10am-2pm at the Katikati Centre, 21 Main Rd, Katikati. The exhibition will feature a gallery of needlework in a variety of traditional, modern and contemporary styles. Admittance by gold coin donation.

PARKING AND TOILETS

The Thames Community Board approved a plan to create safer parking at Porritt Park at its September meeting. Accessible parallel car parking spaces are being planned alongside the playground’s public toilets. The board approved plans to build new public toilets at the Kōpū and Waikawau boat ramps. Work has begun and should be completed by June, 2025.

PINK RIBBON VOLUNTEERS

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ is seeking more volunteers for its Pink Ribbon Street Appeal. Thousands of collectors will hit the streets on October 18-19 to raise funds for breast cancer research, education and patient support programmes. Chief executive Ah-Leen Rayner said funds raised through the appeal were vital to continue the charity’s work: “We don’t receive any government funding, so we rely entirely on the generosity of our incredible volunteers and donors to keep our life-saving programmes going.” To sign up for a two-hour collection shift, visit pinkribbon-volunteer.org.nz.


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Students buckle up with new initiative

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

After seeing successful driver training programmes throughout the district, a Hauraki School has developed a similar approach.

Hauraki Plains College has shifted into gear with the launch of a new driving initiative called the Restricted Ready Programme.

Principal Sharon Moller said they first got the ball rolling with the help of Julie Stephensen at Gr8 Job Hauraki "connecting us" with a car to use from Valley Toyota.

"And then we were off." The school has eight students who are going through the programme, and two on the waiting list.

The driving sessions take place in Kōpū, Thames and around the Ngatea district.

"We are always on the lookout for new volunteer coaches and are hoping to continue growing our numbers," Mrs Moller said.

Driving instructor Corina Simpson said it was very rewarding to help students with their training.

"Although I have taught my own two sons to drive, this has been a new experience for me to help other young drivers.

"I am only a few lessons in but it feels great to know you are helping young people be-



HPC student Amelia Austin learns in the Restricted Ready driving programme.

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come safe drivers."

Anyone who was a good driver and felt they would be able to guide others to learn should "give it a go", Corina said.

And for students who felt like they might need some extra guidance and more time driving, Corina said "definitely get

involved".

Sixteen-year-old student Amelia Austin was part of the driving programme and told *The Profile* it made her feel "more confident and prepared".

Amelia was motivated to not only gain her restricted licence, but also develop her driving

skills, she said.

She was doing "more practice" in areas like parallel parking and three point turns with the support of her driving instructor, Corina.

The driving sessions were enjoyable because "we work together as a team", she said.

"Corina is so supportive, patient and has always provided more than enough resources and instructions for me to learn how I can drive to the best of my ability."

When she was behind the wheel, Amelia liked to focus on a phrase that Corina taught her: Men In Black - Mirrors, Indicator, Brake.

She said it was used to symbolise checking the mirrors, using the indicator and then braking.


It's easy to "go with the crowd", follow friends and apply for your restricted licence on your own, she said.

"But if you are unsure about your driving skills or are nervous about certain aspects within the test, the Restricted Ready Programme can provide you with all the support you could possibly need."


Turning up to the driving sessions with the right attitude and a willingness to learn "really goes a long way", she said.

"The driving instructors that take time out of their own day to come and help you are lovely people that will go above and beyond to see you succeed."

Mrs Moller wanted to say a huge thank you to Valley Toyota, Haurakian Charitable Trust, Townshend Thomas Charitable Community Trust, Gr8 Jobs Hauraki and the community volunteer coaches.




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"If I were to sum up the experience and learning techniques that I have learned over the Restricted Ready programme, it is probably "Men in black" mirrors, indicators and then breaks." - Amelia Austin



"It's rewarding to help students gain confidence behind the wheel and see them progress towards their independence." - Jenny Tawa (Instructor and Year 11 Dean)

Lil Henry puts on a new hat for charity

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

After capturing the attention of households across the motu with his first ever flattering experience, Henry Stilwell has set his sights on another creative venture.

Henry, who has delivered the *Valley Profile* in Ngatea for more than four years, was recently involved in a television series that's currently streaming on TVNZ+ called *Four Go Flating*.

The series follows the lives of four young New Zealanders with intellectual disabilities as they experience a real-life temporary flattering situation.

Twenty-two-year-old Henry, who has Williams Syndrome, said he felt like people didn't understand the genetic disorder.

However, there was a particular part of the show that could offer insight into the experiences of people with Williams Syndrome living with others, he said.

With five episodes currently out in the world, Henry told *The Profile* it felt awesome to see himself on TV.

So far Henry said he'd received feedback from people telling him he was their favourite, and the TV show was good.

Even a family friend of Henry's, Amanda Fitzpatrick, said she absolutely loved the pro-



Henry delivers the *Valley Profile* in his Lil Henry t-shirt.



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gramme. But the young television star was interested in trying on a new entrepreneurial hat with help from Amanda.

Henry, who also shares his life experiences with a following of around 40,000 on TikTok, has started selling Lil Henry caps and t-shirts.

A cartoon sketch of Henry features on the t-shirts and was created by Amanda's brother, Pete McClelland.

Printed by Pete from Xperteez Total Image, the shirts are available in white, black or ecru (cream) and caps in navy/green or pink. And for every t-

shirt sold, \$1 will be donated to: www.williams-syndrome.org.nz.

When asked about the fundraiser, Henry said: "I have been wanting to do it for a while".

To support Henry and those affected by Williams Syndrome, contact Henry to pur-

chase Lil Henry merchandise. And to catch Henry in the next episode of *Four Go Flating*, tune in to TVNZ 1 next Monday at 7.30pm, or later on TVNZ+.

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Mānawatia a Matariki

By Thames High School Principal/Tumuaki Michael Hart

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori. Matariki is a time to remember the past; to celebrate with loved ones; honouring those who have passed and look to the future.

Including Matariki themes in our school curriculum has been a feature since 2022, and this year was no exception, with learning areas having topics in the lead-up to Matariki.

It was brilliant that this year we were able to recognise Matariki with a hāngi feast, evening performances and fire sculpture.

A big thank you to everyone involved – planning, contributing time, donating, preparing and cooking kai (food), and to whānau and members of our community who were able to join us on June 27.

Special thanks to the team of taiohi who dug the hāngi pit, and to Wayne Whitney, Charles Corey, Shannon Paki, Triff, John and the Rev'd Brendan Wilkinson who joined from 3.30am on Thursday to start the fire and prepare the umu (earth oven) to cook our kai.

Another special thanks to Te Kura Tuatahi o Te Kauaeranga (Thames South School) for their generous lending of the irons, sacking and sheets for the umu.

The iron food baskets for the hāngi were made possible by a grant from The Seagull Centre in 2023.

We will look to build further on these events as we honour Mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge and understanding).

Manukura Maori Student Leaders Waimaarie



Reynolds-Kokiri and Harris Elliot-Hogg were helping on the day and said this of their experience: "It was an early start that's for sure but it was so awesome to see how the kura got together to get the mahi done".

Harris said: "the best part of the day (after eating the kai) was when everyone was practicing their fire juggling in the dark while we waited for the kai to cook".

"I also had fun on stage with my band performing for the families that came along during the evening."

Band to raise funds for foodbank

My name is Izzy and I am one of the Arts and Culture Student Leaders at Thames High School. I moved to Thames from Wellington at the beginning of last year. I was initially nervous and I wasn't sure what to expect.

However, it wasn't long before I found just how great this school can be. Coming from the city, I was apprehensive about how many opportunities there would be in such a relatively small school and town.

On the contrary, I soon found that in a smaller pond, it is much easier to be noticed, staff are much more personal and the school as a whole can focus on students as individuals much more than I've seen in larger schools. The school has pushed me to pursue what I enjoy and find a way to excel in those areas. In Wellington, I was too afraid to put myself out there musically but it's thanks to Thames High School that music is now one of my NCEA subjects.

I sing in a band called Hazy and the Jays which is made up of other students here at Kura. The support that the band gets from the Music HoD Dr Voice is invaluable.

We are offered so many opportunities to perform. To date we have performed at the opening of Porritt Park, the school's Matariki Celebration, we visited CFM a few times to perform live on air which was organised by our teacher and on August 23, we performed at the beautiful St George's Church as part of the music department's showcase. The event was hosted by MC Pyppe Liddell, with occasional help from her brother, Head Student Koen Liddell. Everyone did so well.

It was great that we had some male vocalists join our singing ensemble this year and I



think that will show younger male students who may be interested in joining that it's cool to sing. Together we sang *Hallelujah* and I think we sounded awesome.

I performed a solo and also sang with the band. It was a fun afternoon.

I think everyone did really well considering a lot of us were sick with the cold.

I would also like to thank the Thames Music Group for hosting us. Our music Kaiako, Dr. Voice, expressed her immense pride in us and thanked her amazing team of music teachers but I would like to thank them also.

A big highlight for me was competing with the band in the Waikato Regional Smokefree Rockquest earlier this year, we got to the final heat and won the APRA lyric award and we were delighted to be featured in an article in the *Valley Profile* about it.

What the band is looking forward to now, is that we will be playing at the Thames Baptist Church to raise funds for the Thames Community Food Bank on Friday, October 11 at 7 pm. Tickets are door sale only \$15 with doors opening at 6:15 pm. See you there.

- By Arts and Culture Student Leader/Kaiarataki Tikanga-ā-iwi Izzy Fitzsimmons



Geography trip to Rotorua

A highlight for me this year was when my geography class took a school trip to Rotorua to study the geothermal activity, volcanic landscapes, and cultural significance of the region, including its hot springs, geysers, and Māori heritage.

Our trip to Rotorua was packed with fun and adventure. We experienced a variety of activities, including Duck tours, a walk among the towering redwoods, a fascinating talk about the museum, five thrilling rides on the luge, and a tour of the Whakarewarewa Village where we witnessed the geysers in action.

We also enjoyed a scenic ride on the gondola. When we arrived at the hotel, we were treated to private

cave spas with waterfalls and jets and access to an outdoor heated pool, which we all made the most of.

After a delicious pizza dinner, we took a shopping trip to Kmart that may have left our wallets a bit lighter.

We started our day with a luxurious all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast the next morning.

This trip was not only a chance to have fun but also an opportunity to explore and learn more about Rotorua and its rich history.

I had an amazing time and would highly recommend taking geography next year so you can experience this trip too.

By Kaiarataki Taiao-a-kura/Environment Student Leader Caitlin Jones



Students represent kura on Anzac Day

The Anzac Parade was one of the first official events that the group of 2024 Student Leaders were involved with.

As one of the Head Students, I was proud to represent our Kura.

On the day I noticed that Thames High School students were representing lots of different clubs from Thames. I saw students representing the St John Volunteers and the Air Cadets.

Year 11 student Joe Hayward represented the Air Cadets and was selected to lower the flag. This is an excerpt from the speech that I presented on the day.

"It is a great honour to speak and stand here today on behalf of Thames High School to commemorate the many male and female vet-

erans, Māori Battalions and animals, who fought and defended our country and gave their lives to protect ours and the future ones to come.

"We reflect on the ageless values of duty, honour, and comradeship that define us.

"The ANZAC heritage has been written into the fabric of our identity throughout history, reminding us of how much we owe to those who fought for our freedoms selflessly.

"As we stand here today, let us honour their memory and settle to uphold the principles for which they fought, ensuring that the candle of remembrance burns brightly for future generations."

- By Head Student/Manuarataki-a-kura Cassandra Williams

On Wednesday May 1, I was honoured to visit the Devonport Naval Base in Auckland with other students from Rotorua, Bream Bay, and surrounding schools.

The experience was both eye-opening and inspiring. We were greeted by recruiters who guided us around the base. We saw the impressive *HMNZS Aotearoa*, *Te Mana*, and *Te Kaha* docked in the harbour and witnessed *HMNZS Manawanui* departing for Antarctica. Touring the Officer Training Grounds and Parade Deck gave us insight into the rigorous training Navy officers undergo. Listening to role coordinators was a highlight.

We learned about mine clearance divers and hydrographic surveyors, whose work is crucial for safe navigation. Their stories were both informative and inspiring.

The day concluded with a fun game of dodgeball in the Navy gymnasium, followed by an end talk where we could ask questions about Navy life. Overall, the visit was incredible. It opened my eyes to the opportunities in the Navy and sparked a potential interest in a future career there.

- By Arts and Culture Student Leader/Kaiarataki Tikanga-ā-iwi TJ Judd



Bringing the past to life at museum open day

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

Thames Museum patrons may feel like they've stepped back in time on October 12, as the museum society hosts a military-themed open day.

Museum staff will be joined by members of the WWII Historical Reenactment Society for an interactive display featuring people in American, German and Kiwi military outfits, displays of original and replica war memorabilia, and a historical vehicle or two. Inside the museum visitors will find World War I-era nurses, and displays on animals at war and conscientious objectors.

There will be a sausage sizzle, raffles, and of course plenty of history and local knowledge to soak in.

Reenactment society president Philip Hobbs, or Hobbsy as he prefers to be known, said the club was thrilled to be involved with the event.

"I saw an article about the Thames Museum post-Covid struggling to pay the power bill, and it struck a chord," he said.

"Museums like Thames are vital for New Zealand's story, really. They carry a lot of information. So I thought we can probably help these guys."

Hobbsy said the club's aim was to keep the stories of war in the public's mind; not to glamorise them, but to ensure the memories of the past were not forgotten.

"We need to learn from it, but remember the people that sacrificed a lot for it as well," he said.



Military reenactors will be bringing the past to life at Thames museum's open day.

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"And I was impressed with what they've got. So to me, it would be a shame to see something like that lost."

The club's members will be representing four different units: a German unit based on elite paratroopers from the Battle of Crete; American soldiers from the 82nd Airborne unit; Kiwi fighters from

the 21st Battalion, a troop which fought throughout Egypt, Greece and Italy; and a Home Front unit portraying the home guard and medical side of New Zealand's war effort.

Hobbsy will be there too, with the Home Guard.

"I grew up with a family connection with World War II and World

War I. I'd come home from school and go and play war outside. So I grew up with an interest in the military. [Now] when I put a uniform on... I've got a different persona," he said.

We encourage people to bring along stories of their family connection or any item they might have or whatever. And I like talk-



ing to kids and encouraging them to go home and find their own family history."

Museum society chair Carolyn McKenzie said the fundraising open day was a chance to commemorate and learn about the past, as well as supporting the work the museum does.

"Everything that we make on the day will be reinvested in the museum," she said.

"We hope that a lot of people will come along, especially as it's school holidays. And of course, we're very, very grateful to everybody who has helped - the reenactors themselves and Pak n Save, the Valley Profile and the radio stations. Everybody has been very supportive."

DETAILS: Thames Museum Military Open Day, October 12, 9am-2pm on the corner of Pollen St and Cochrane St. Entry by donation.



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Community patrol screws with Thames thieves

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

The Thames Community Patrol is holding a fundraising event aimed at preventing people from becoming victims of licence plate theft.

The “Safer Plates” event, taking place on October 12, will see patrol members replacing regular licence plate screws with specialty screws, which require a special tool to remove.

“An ordinary screwdriver or battery screwdriver won’t unscrew it. It won’t guarantee that they don’t get stolen but it’s a deterrent,” patrol member Dianne Leather said.

“Stolen number plates is big - [thieves] use them to put them on cars and swap them around so it makes it a lot harder to track them down.”

Anyone with a vehicle can get their screws replaced, Dianne said, and for only \$10, it will provide peace of mind - while also offering financial support to the patrol.

The licence plate event is a first for the Thames patrol.

Dianne said the money raised will go towards running costs for the patrol, including petrol. They will also be holding regular sausage sizzles outside Pak n Save as summer approaches.

“We have to raise our own funds. And that’s the hardest thing.”



The Thames Community Patrol are making it harder for thieves to target licence plates with their fundraiser event.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

The Thames Community Patrol is made up of around 14 members, who spend several nights a week driving around business and residential areas between Tararu and Kōpū.

In their official car and armed with a police radio, they act as an extra set of eyes and ears for

local officers.

“We want to do something for the community, and help keep it safe. [But] we’re not police so you stay safe in your car and just report anything back to the police to follow up.”

Dianne said the patrol was always looking for new members.

It was a minimal time commitment, she said, with members only needing to take on one or two shifts a month.

Shifts are around 3-4 hours, and times vary but there are usually around three patrols a week.

DETAILS: Safer Plates, October

12, 10am-2pm, Goldfields Mall carpark. \$10 per vehicle. Anyone interested in joining the Thames Community Patrol, contact Graeme Wood 027 417 8224 or Dianne Leather 027 234 5845.



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Rural Life

DairyNZ tracker: Farms nearly back in black

The outlook for dairy farms this season is better than anticipated, according to the latest DairyNZ Econ Tracker update.

DairyNZ head of economics Mark Storey said in the previous June, 2024, Econ Tracker forecast update, DairyNZ predicted a relatively challenging season ahead due to high expenses, however, conditions seem to be improving.

“In the past few weeks, we have seen the combination of declining interest rates, and improved farmgate milk prices, which creates a more favourable outlook for New Zealand dairy farmers,” he said.

“These changes are likely to provide dairy farmers with greater financial flexibility than initially projected for the 2024-25 season.”

Prior to these announcements, DairyNZ’s latest Farmer Perceptions survey already showed most farmers feel confident in the financial sustainability of their business, with 60 per cent feeling very confident, while only 10 per cent feel less confident.

“Many farmers will continue to feel relief following these recent announcements on the farmgate milk price and interest rates, having experienced several seasons with tight profit margins. Although, there is still a slight cash deficit on average for dairy farms which reflects that interest costs are still high.”

When considering these changes, DairyNZ’s latest farm financial forecast on the Econ Tracker shows the national breakeven



forecast sitting at \$8.09 per kg/MS, while the forecast average payout received has increased to \$8.84 per kg/MS.

“We have seen farm working expenses increase slightly, driven by increases in key operational areas such as electricity, irrigation, wages, and repair and maintenance costs. Although the reduction in

interest and increase in farmgate milk price significantly outweigh these minor increases, improving the overall financial position of most farmers,” Mark said.

With a lot of attention around the interest rate changes in recent months, the September quarterly update of the Econ Tracker provides a deeper analysis into what

interest rate changes and timings could mean for dairy farmers this season.

“The alternative scenarios we explore show how the timing of interest rate reductions can influence the discretionary cash position of farmers. We see clearly that earlier rate cuts would result in greater cost savings and a stronger

cash position, compared to reductions made later in the season,” says Mark.

“For example, if the interest rate drops from 8.25 per cent to 7.50 per cent by December, 2024, compared to dropping to 7.50 per cent by March, 2025, it would improve the cash position of the average farmer by \$5675 for the current season, relative to the alternative (three months later) scenario.”

This scenario analysis provides some insight into what interest rate cuts could mean for the remainder of the 2024-25 season but were not to be relied on, he said.

“The improved liquidity from improved interest rates and expected farmgate milk prices can be used to address deferred payments from the previous season, such as repair and maintenance costs, or to pay down short-term debts, ultimately contributing to a more stable and sustainable financial outlook.”

The Econ Tracker uses the most recent DairyBase and other sector data to form the forecasts which are updated quarterly. It is used to support farmers and the sector to progress a positive future, including supporting DairyNZ’s science, research and development work alongside farmers.

Farmers and rural professionals can use this tool to help with financial planning, forecasting, and budgeting.

DETAILS: The Econ Tracker can be accessed at dairynz.co.nz/econtracker.

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Rural Life

Landowners retire 940ha, plant 450k trees

Despite rising farm expenses and reduced profit margins, landowners still worked with Waikato Regional Council to undertake voluntary environmental action on a total of 296 properties across the region in 2023-24.

At the council's Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting recently, Waikato West Coast catchments manager Grant Blackie told councillors that landowners had collectively completed nearly 150 kilometres of fencing, planted nearly 450,000 plants and retired nearly 940 hectares of land.

This included 21km of new fencing in the Coromandel area, protecting 18km of streambank, with 35,638 native plants planted on 57ha of retired land.

"That's a pretty significant amount of work in these trying circumstances," said Blackie, whose report to the committee noted a marked reduction in landowner uptake of incentivised catchment work compared to previous years, even with high levels of funding on offer by the council, Waikato River Authority and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

In comparison, but with higher levels of funding, in 2022-23 the council worked with 341 landowners in 2022-23 to retire 1726 hectares of land, plant 950,000 native trees and protect 137 kilometres of waterways.

The report to the committee says: "Despite an excellent grass growing year, the most common



The has been 21km of new fencing in the Coromandel area, protecting 18km of streambank, with 35,638 native plants planted on 57ha of retired land.

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reason given by landowners to delaying work relates to lower discretionary farm income, resulting from a combination of poor returns, high 'farm gate' inflation and increases in debt-servicing costs. In addition, there is now regulatory uncertainty for landowners relating to freshwater and greenhouse gas emission requirements and the functioning of the emissions trading scheme."

Hauraki Coromandel catch-

ments manager Emily O'Donnell said she encouraged landowners and land managers to take advantage of current funding opportunities available.

"We have skilled catchment management officers covering all of our region who can provide advice and information specific to your property," O'Donnell said.

"In many cases, the funding to support this work is only available within a certain time frame,

so don't miss out: give one of our team a call today and see if your project qualifies for funding."

Waikato Regional Council undertakes river and catchment planning and management activities within zones based on catchment boundaries.

The council's catchment programmes deliver restoration works, including soil erosion control and prevention, river management work, riparian protection

through fencing and planting, lake and wetland protection and enhancement and bush fragment protection.

This voluntary catchment and river restoration work is funded in different ways throughout the region, with funding coming from rates and/or by the council applying for funding for various work programmes from other organisations.

In 2023-24, the council also received significant co-funding for river management work from the government in response to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle and other widespread North Island weather events.

The amount of funding available to landowners depends on whether landowners are in an identified priority catchment and whether the council has secured additional funding for work programmes outside business as usual.

Funding ranges from 35 per cent of costs to 80 per cent, depending on the location, type of work and funding available, and landowners are able to use their labour and materials contributions as work in kind.

A seven-year summary of catchment restoration activities has shown the council has worked with landowners and iwi to complete almost 1600 kilometres of fencing, retiring 8442 hectares of riparian or erosion prone land and planting over 4.5 million plants.

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Death highlights need for doctor on Plains



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

When Mary Ann Glasgow fell over one of her children's bicycles at her Kaihere home in late July, 1918, it seemed a minor matter. But two weeks later the 41-year-old suddenly took ill and her condition seemed connected to the fall.

Her husband of 13 years, James, a farmer, asked their neighbour Mrs Wallace to look after her. During the day Mary Ann deteriorated and Mrs Wallace said they should consult a doctor.

James telephoned Dr Derrick who asked if it were possible to bring Mary Ann to Thames but James said it was not. The doctor went up to Kaihere the next morning by launch, arriving at about 1:30pm.

He found it necessary to perform an operation. Mary Ann was anaesthetised with chloroform and the surgery carried out but as she came out of the anaesthetic Mary Ann collapsed.

Dr Derrick applied artificial respiration but her heart failed. She left motherless two children aged 12 and six. At the inquest, held at the Magistrate's Court, Thames, Doctors Derrick and Lapraik said death was due to collapse and fail-



River boats at the Kaihere Landing, 1922.

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ure of respiration.

The tragedy highlighted the need for a resident doctor on the Hauraki Plains. Paeroa and Thames were the nearest places where medical aid could be secured from. Thames Hospital could not be reached in less than two or three hours at least, either by launch or car. In urgent cases the anxiety of relatives could well be imagined.

Finding a doctor for the Plains required an organisation or number of people who could guarantee his remuneration. Where a resident doctor should live was also an issue. Some said Ngatea, others Turua, and others Kerepēhi. Ngatea was considered the most central, as the Patetonga and Kaihere districts needed catering for, and were in a worse position than Turua or Ngatea, being further away from Paeroa and

Thames. Turua, with its deep water, closeness to Thames and the railway, was the favoured location. From there a doctor could easily get supplies and assistance.

By March, 1922, a number of guarantors were finally able to secure a doctor for the Plains.

Dr David Bathgate, in accepting the position, said as Turua was the most populated portion of the Plains, and had the best telephone service, it was there he would reside.

He did not wish to blow his own trumpet but asked to give an outline of his experience he said he had practiced in the South Island.

He had since been relieving doctor at the Otorohanga and Waihi Hospitals, and was to do a short stint of a fortnight at Thames Hospital before commencing his Plains practice.

He would do his best to meet

the requirements of the whole of the Hauraki Plains. Asked if he would take maternity cases, Dr Bathgate replied that he had had to attend those cases in Denniston as the nearest other doctor there was 61 miles away. He would, therefore, handle such cases on the Plains.

The guarantors were of the opinion that if the doctor was good enough to take charge of the Thames Hospital he was good enough for Turua. He had been the only applicant, and proved to be ambitious and capable.

With the arrival of a doctor the challenges of Plains medical care were somewhat relieved but difficulties and tragedies still occurred.

Mary Ann was buried at Shortland cemetery, Thames, where eight years later her husband James, 50, joined her, having died in Thames Hospital.

Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

- The deepest human-made hole on earth, known as Kola Superdeep, is in which country? a) USA, b) Russia or c) Egypt?
- Who painted the famous painting known as The Scream?
- Which country has won the most FIFA World Cup titles since the competition began in 1930?
- What does ELO stand for when referring to the English rock band?
- Since 1988, the US state of New York has voted for which political party? Republican or Democrat?
- Gala, fuji and braeburn are all varieties of which fruit?
- Singultus is the medical term used to refer to: a) hiccups, b) tummy rumbles, or c) shivers?
- Musician and singer Jack White, began in the band The Upstagers, before forming which rock duo?
- Francis, Reese, Malcolm, Dewey, and Jamie are the names of the brothers in which US TV comedy series?
- Does the term inflammable mean something that is easily set on fire, or difficult to set on fire?



Answers: 1. b) Russia; 2. Edward Munch; 3. Brazil (5); 4. Electric Light Orchestra; 5. Democrat; 6. Apple; 7. a) Hiccups; 8. The White Stripes; 9. Malcom in the Middle; 10. Easy to set on fire.

We are a reflection of what surrounds us

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

Recently we had a young mum jump up at church to say a heart felt thanks to her church family.

She had been through some major health complications and was feeling absolutely at the end of her rope. It was too hard; things were piling up and she was emotionally wrecked.

It may not be a health issue, but I am sure you know the feeling.

And yet on this particular Sunday, while still nursing the wounds of recent operations, she jumped up to celebrate those who had supported her, both those who knew of her struggle, and those who simply reached out because she was on their 'heart', completely unaware of her situation.

And it got me thinking about community and the power of it when done well. I have seen people absolutely transformed. I remember a lady who was struggling with addictions and a family that was falling apart.

She showed up out of a sense of desperation for support.

What she discovered instead was a family. One that she could turn to whenever things got bad.

Within a matter of months she was working, healthier, fitter, and glowing with fresh hope for her future.

See, the people we surround ourselves with are often a direct reflection of who we are becoming. We begin to talk like them, act like them, and think like them. It's part of how we are wired.

In our Res-Kids programme,

we ask students to consider this very thing. As we have explored resilience and wellbeing, we invite them to think about how they can build on and grow their learning.

Maybe it looks like joining St John Youth (first aid), the Scouts, a sports team, a local youth group, or volunteering at KVCC. The idea is simple, find a group of people that reflects the kind of person you want to be, and join them.

And so, as we face an epidemic of loneliness, where we connect online, and yet feel more alone

than ever, maybe it is time to look in and look out. If you are feeling isolated, as a family or an individual, maybe its time to explore the groups in your community and join one that reflects the kind of person you want to be.

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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Student builds connections in Shanghai

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Sean Todd's recent exchange trip to the Jiading district of Shanghai was about building connections and learning about different cultures.

The Waihi College year 12 student attended the 2024 Jiading International Youth Friendship Camp in July.

He told *The Profile* the most significant part of his trip was "just seeing how different life was for other people".

"It was incredible to see their way of life and how it compared to what we do here in New Zealand," he said.

Sean wasn't expecting to go to China until a week before his departure date.

Sean's trip was funded by the Hauraki District Council Sister Cities fund.

The camp is part of the Sister City relationship between Hauraki District Council and the Jiading District.

"It is because of them that I got this opportunity to go."

Sean said he was able to learn some basic greetings before he left the country.

"Being there gave me an opportunity to learn some new words and phrases that I could use while over there."

He said that learning about other cultures "helps us understand" and connect with others better.



Waihi College student Sean Todd, centre, on exchange in China.

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"It opens our minds to new ideas, and improves how we communicate with different people."

It "helps us see the world" from different perspectives, he said.

Sean was part of a group of students from Germany, Ja-

pan, Korea and New Zealand.

"On the first day, we had an introduction ceremony where we all came up and spoke about ourselves and where we were from."

Sean said it was cool being able to tell everyone about Waihi, the history of the town,

the gold mining, and also things he liked to do for fun.

He "stayed connected" to friends he made on the trip as they ended up creating a group chat to keep up with one another, he said.

One important thing Sean said he learnt in Jiading was



Sean Todd, with Suhyeon Park.

"being open to trying new things".

"Every single day I had to push my boundaries, commonly in the form [of] new foods such as jellyfish or liver with a jelly coating."

If Sean had the opportunity to go back again, he said he would be interested in learning more of the traditional crafts and activities.

"I really enjoyed learning about the traditional metal-working and also the grass weaving."

Sean said he would tell any students who wanted to be involved in the exchange to "really look around" and appreciate everything you see or try.

"It really is a unique experience that you may never get to have again."

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BOWLS

Kerepehi Bowls' second summer tournament on September 29 saw a full muster, until one last-minute cancellation, reducing the number of teams to 17 and requiring a bye again.

There were quite a few closely contested games with the odd thrashing, but all played with quite a happy attitude as is usual, with Kopu Engineering sponsoring the day and several teams supplied by them. Winners: 1st 4 wins 10 points 24 ends (Kerepehi) Colin, Jason, Gilbert, Henri; 2nd 3.5 wins 23 points 29 ends (Kerepehi) Archie, Jill, Dave, John; 3rd 3.5 wins 23 points 22 ends (Thames) Warren Tritt, Butcher, Suzie, Delwyn. Coming up on October 20, Hud-

son families Opt 4s; November 17, Murray Fisher Memorial Invitation Opt 4s (1 non bowler), December 15, Christmas Hams (Pak n Save/Linn Motors). Business House bowls starts again October 3 to early December, well done Andy. The club is trialing fortnightly Friday Rollup and meal nights on the following dates: October 11, 25, November 8, 22, December 6. A nominal \$2 entry, 1st game 3-4pm; 2nd game 4.30-6pm, meals available off menu \$10. Coaching available and bowls also. Come and meet some of the other new members of the Kerepehi community at the same time. Club 07 867 6897, Pres Lorraine 021 255 4527. Club champs get under way during November. Good Bowling to all. - Terry King



Kerepehi Bowling Club's September 29 winners, left, with second and third placegetters. Photos: SUPPLIED

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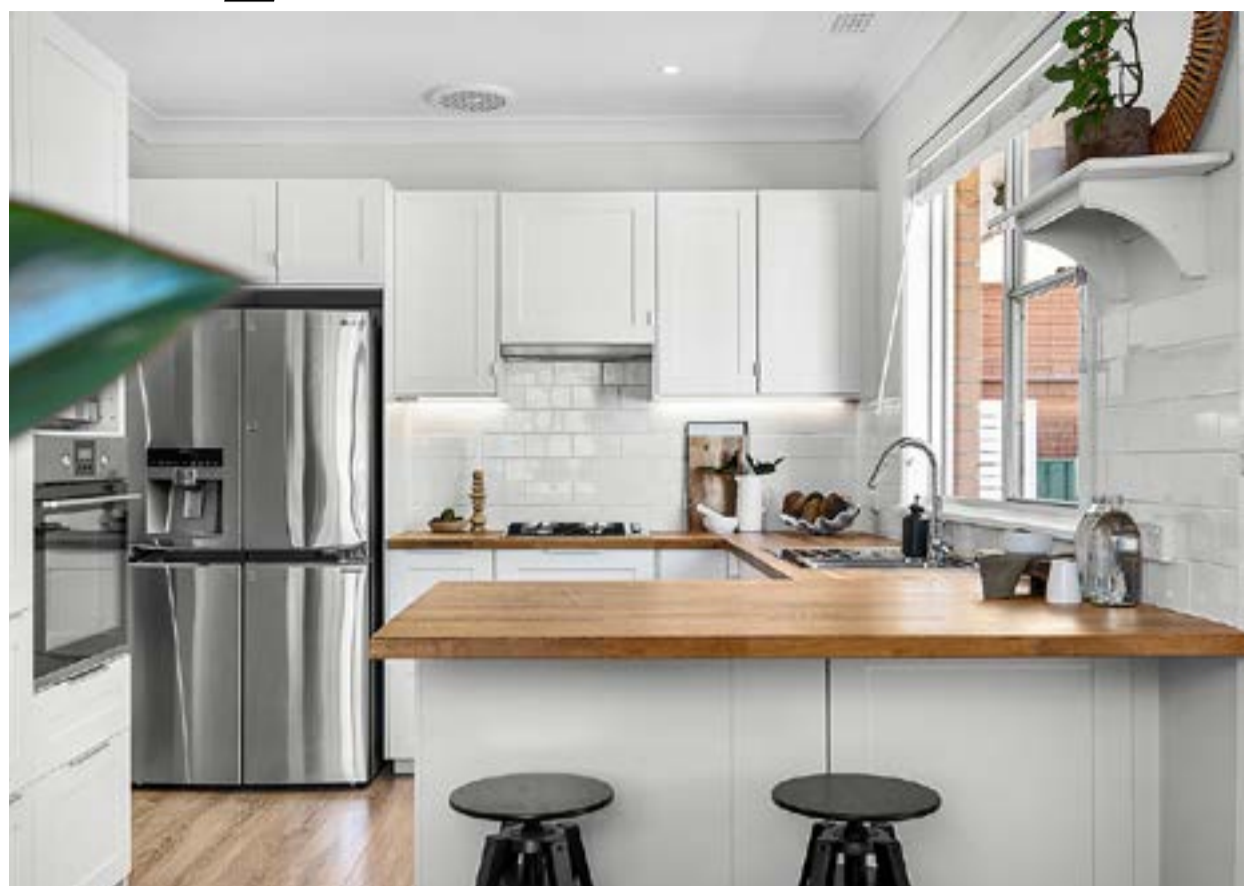
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Soft pastels, crisp whites, and bright accents can evoke the essence of spring and summer.

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Create fresh spaces for spring

Styling your space for spring and summer is a great way to bring freshness and vibrancy into your home.

Start by decluttering - clear out items that no longer serve you or bring joy.

This not only creates a sense of openness but also allows your favorite pieces to shine. Consider donating or recycling what you no longer need, making room for new possibilities.

Once your space is decluttered, focus on lightening up your decor.

Swap heavy blankets and dark pillows for lighter fabrics in cheerful colors.

Soft pastels, crisp whites, and bright accents can evoke the essence of spring and summer, creating an inviting atmosphere.

Incorporate natural elements, like fresh flowers or potted plants, to breathe life into your rooms. Their vibrant colors and textures add a touch of nature and help purify the air, enhancing the overall mood.

Rearranging furniture can also



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Roshan Gul's Vocal Nosh sessions will kick off in Thames on October 12.

Photo: SARAH BEISLY

Vocal Nosh set to nourish

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

There's two things Roshan Gul is passionate about: music and community.

The "perfect amalgamation" of the two, according to Roshan, was something called a Vocal Nosh.

The community of Thames is invited to experience what it's all about starting this Saturday.

Music educator Roshan Gul is set to run a series of four Vocal Nosh sessions starting on October 12 at the St. Georges Anglican Church, Thames.

Roshan told *The Profile* a Vocal Nosh was a community event where people gathered to sing and eat together "for the sheer pleasure of it".

It's for community, connection and the "joy of making music", rather than observing others doing it, she said.

"Each session stands alone and people can come once or occasionally or every time."

While the songs were strong, simple and taught by ear - Roshan said there would be no auditions, no solos and "no one is put on the spot".

And she said there would be an afternoon tea break with "simple.. but nourishing" food.

"You just come when you need a good sing and want to tap in to community."

Roshan used to run monthly sessions with two friends in her community of Karangahake "for the love of it", she said.

"This year, I was lucky enough to get funding from the Thames District Council through the Creative Communities Scheme to run four sessions in Thames."

For people who were thinking about attending a session for the first time, Roshan said: "you won't know if it is your cup of tea unless you give it a go".

Her hope was that people would leave the sessions "feeling nourished and uplifted by song, kai and community".

"As social interactions seem to be happening more often online, I believe the arts as expression and connection is so important for the health of our communities," she said.

"I think we all need to feel we belong, our contribution matters, we are contributing to something bigger and beyond ourselves."

DETAILS: To find out more, contact Roshan on: singlovestrum@gmail.com. \$15 per session, held at St. Georges Anglican Church, Thames from 3pm to 5.30pm on October 12, November 9 and December 7. The fourth date is yet to be confirmed.

Karangahake artist finds joy in creating

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Jenni Baines' reason for creating was "I get so much joy" out of it.

Mackaytown-based artist Jenni Baines works with copper foil, pottery, and stained and fused glass to create her art pieces, which people can see on display this month.

For all of October, Jenni's art will be exhibited in the Crosby Gallery of the Paeroa Arts Centre daily from 10am to 3pm when the flags are out.

Jenni, who creates and works out of her studio at home, said she had her own glass kilns and pottery kilns.

But her studio had a unique history of its own.

When Jenni and her husband moved to the area from Hamilton, their place in Mackaytown had an indoor swimming pool, which was previously used to teach scuba diving, she said.

"We filled it up eventually and it's turned

into my studio."

Not only does she create there, she also teaches.

Jenni had workbenches and tools set up to teach up to 12 people at a time, she said.

"I love it... [I] love making. And I get so much joy out of teaching people."

One thing that drew Jenni to the area was the amount of creative people in the Coromandel, she said.

"And I've found too, there's a lot of people that don't mind sharing."

Jenni said creatives in the area were open and shared their techniques with others. But her passion for making was evident.

"It's like I just keep going and keep going and keep going because I get so much joy out of creating," she said.

DETAILS: To view Jenni's art, visit the Paeroa Arts Centre at 109 Normanby Road, Paeroa or check out the Paeroa Society of Arts on Facebook.



Jenni Baines' art is on display at the Paeroa Arts Centre for October.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author to inspire hope with new book

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

If there's one thing Patti Clark wants people to take away from her new book: "it's that feeling of hope".

The Ngarimu Bay-based author is set to celebrate the launch of her new fictional book *Recovery Road Trip* at Carson's Bookshop in Thames from 1pm on October 13.

Even though the book's publication date was October 2, through her United States-based publisher, the launch at Carson's would be like an exhibition opening, with nibbles, and a reading from the author.

Patti told *The Profile* she had "so many feelings".

"It was eight years to get this done, a lot of research, a lot of interviews."

"I feel really proud of myself," she said.

The first half of the story is about a woman who drives across the United States while in recovery from addiction.

"And so she's driving across country and she's exploring a lot about herself."

But the second half of the book was 12 weeks of journaling, she said, which followed a similar template from the author's first book *This Way Up*.

"So what you're doing is you're following the protagonist's journey."

The 66-year-old writer said there was "so much shame"



Author Patti Clark with her new book *Recovery Road Trip*.

Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

around addiction, recovery and relapse. "People don't want to talk about it."

Bringing the topic "into the light" was a "real motivation" for Patti.

Even though she was now retired, Patti used to run workshops for women that encouraged using creativity as a tool for self exploration and expression.

While *Recovery Road Trip* was a fictional story, it was based

on some of the women Patti had spoken to who said "they felt stuck in their journey", she said.

"And so hopefully what this will do will bring some of that into the light."

"And then especially with the 12-week workbook, people will find a way to do some of the practical work."

Patti spoke to a lot of women in recovery, who said they felt small while in their addiction.

she practiced creativity, Patti said.

"And that's when I write".

But the things Patti wanted people to take from the story was hope and inspiration.

"If you're in active addiction of any kind, it's lonely. It's shame-filled. It's scary."

"And finding something that gives that feeling of hope, that feeling of, 'oh, wait a minute, somebody else went through this' is huge," she said.

The journaling side in the second part of the book was where Patti said people might find inspiration.

"It's a very pragmatic and practical thing to do."

There was a YouTube page linked to meditations and visualisations that matched each chapter, she said.

For people who wanted to express themselves through writing, Patti said "just do it".

"Write for yourself. Don't write for others."

And "check your motivation" and write regardless of anybody reading it, she said.

"Allow that flame to stay lit and just write for you, for nobody else."

"If you're feeling that calling - if you can feel it in your heart. Nurture that flame."

DETAILS: *Recovery Road Trip* book launch at Carson's Bookshop, Thames, on October 13 at 1pm.

To stay up to date with Patti Clark, visit her website: patticlark.org.

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Runt (91mins, 2024) PG Course language **Wed 1pm; Sat 1pm:** Follows 10y.o. Annie and her stray dog as they attempt to win at agility at the Krumpets Dog Show in London in order to save their family's farm.

It Must Be Heaven (97 mins, 2019) PG Offensive language. Subtitled. **Wed 7pm:** Palestinian filmmaker Elia Suleiman travels to different cities and finds unexpected parallels to his homeland of Palestine.

Harold & the Purple Crayon (89 mins, 2024) G **Thu 10.30am; Fri 1pm:** Harold can make anything come to life just by drawing it. After he grows up, he draws himself off his book's pages into the physical world.

Autumn and the Black Jaguar (100mins, 2024) PG Violence, course language, some scenes may scare very young children **Thu 1.30pm; Sun 10.30am:** After years in New York City, 14-year-old Autumn returns to the Amazon rainforest to save her childhood village and beloved jaguar friend.

Rosalie (115 mins, 2024) M Sex scenes & self-harm references. Subtitled. **Thurs 7pm; Sun 4pm:** In 1870s France, Rosalie has concealed her hirsutism all her life until an indebted bar owner marries her for her dowry. Inspired by historical figures and serves as a parable on intolerance toward body diversity.

Wicked Little Letters (100mins, 2023) M Offensive language & nudity **Fri 4pm:** When people receive letters full of profanities, rowdy Rose is charged with the crime. The town's women investigate.

Beats (101 mins, 2019) R16 Violence, offensive language & drug use. **Fri & Sat 7pm:** Friends in Scotland go out for a night together. Going to an illegal rave, the boys journey into an underworld of anarchy.

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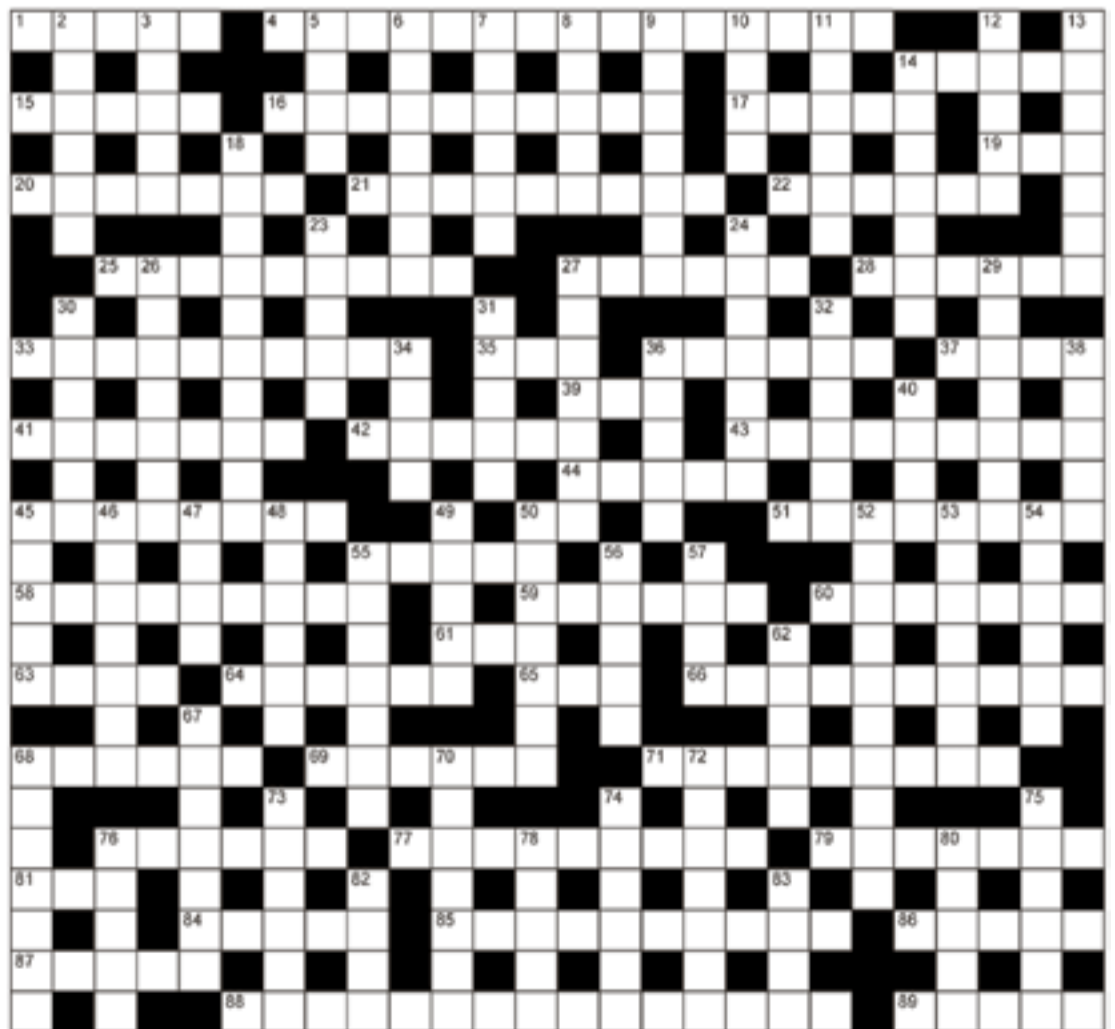
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 - 69 Goal (6)
 - 71 Irritated by delay (9)
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 - 79 Mexican spirit (7)
 - 81 Zilch (3)
 - 84 Delete (5)
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 - 87 On no account (5)
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 - 3 Stealing (5)
 - 5 Religious picture (4)
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 - 12 Bring about (5)
 - 13 Authorise officially (7)
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 - 27 Below freezing (7)
 - 29 Dessert leafstalk (7)
 - 30 Dazed state (6)
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 - 72 Cocktail (7)
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Waihi sweeps up at NZ Junior Rugby Festival

RUGBY

Three teams from the Waihi Junior Rugby Club returned home from the New Zealand Junior Rugby Festival in Taupo with the ultimate prize.

A total of 134 teams competed from 67 clubs, in 688 games over two venues from September 19 to September 22.

The festival celebrated juniors from every provincial rugby union in the North Island, and teams from the South Island and Australia.

Waihi sent teams for Under 10s 49kg grade, Under 11s 49kg and Under 12s 57kg.

Waihi Rugby Club's Judah Matautia volunteered as a referee for the entire weekend.

Judah won the Tournament Referee Award for his devotion, working incredibly hard throughout the entire weekend as the youngest referee at Taupo Tournament.

The Overall Best Team Award has not been given to a team in New Zealand since 2017 and this year the Waihi Under 12s team took it home.

Whichever team has the most points across all the grades wins the ultimate prize.

Sportsmanship, sideline behaviour, contributing to keep-



The Overall Best Team Award goes to the Waihi Under 12s team. Photos: ANDY THOMPSON PHOTOGRAPHY NZ

ing the festival clean and litter free, along with strong results wins this award.

NZJRF said the Waihi Under 12s team won this award "head and shoulders above the rest".

Waihi Under 10s 49kg team also won the Team of the Festival Award 2024.

Waihi Under 10s team finished with the most points overall in their grade.

Waihi Junior Rugby Club tournament organiser Jessica Crockett said "we are incredibly proud of the sportsmanship our teams showed this weekend, representing our

club with mana and strength".

"It took a lot for our kids to get to the tournament - the dedicated coaches, managers, whānau help and sponsorship.

"All the teams supported each other with our club's haka before games, our supporters were positive on the sidelines,



The Waihi Under 10s team wins Team of the Festival.



Judah Matautia wins the Tournament Referee Award.

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Valley fumble home semi chance
By Tighthead Ted at Whiti City

One job boys, one job. A win against Horowhenua Kapiti, and you've got a chance of hosting a home semi final - if other results go your way. Well, our old mates from Colin Meads country did their bit, King Country belting Whanganui 34-17 at the river city. But it was not to be as from the first kick-off, when Horowhenua claimed their own kick and stormed on to attack, Valley was always chasing the game. Despite that slow start, a plethora of errors throughout, and giving Horowhenua a 14-38 lead with 20 to go, the Swampies never gave in, and with the bomb squad hitting the field and changing the game, they almost pulled it off - needing a converted try in the hectic final minutes to steal a win. It looked on too, with veteran Brett Ranga and Laulea Mau making inroads through the tiring Horowhenua defence, but too many wrong options at the right times saw the game go begging.

Wrong options and basic errors were endemic throughout the match for the Valley. They were slow out of the blocks, and got slower before the frantic final quarter of the match. After conceding the kickoff, and an early try to the visitors, it looked like the Valley were getting back on track, with two tries to Alex Thrupp.

The first from a Horowhenua error, and the second when he weaved and stepped and slipped his way through half the Horowhenua team to dot down by the posts. Both tries turned into seven pointers by the reliable boot of Fletcher Morgan, and it looked like normal transmission had been resumed, a lead of 14-7.

But the errors kept coming, lack of ball security, usually reliable tacklers missing their man, wrong options, intercept passes - you name it the Valley boys tried to do it. The hard earned lead vanished in a puff of intercepts and dropsies, and the lead became a seven point deficit at the half. A 10 point wind at their backs and seven points in arrears. Sounds

like ole Tighthead Ted's bank balance. The second half started with promise, Valley taking the kick and centre Rodney Tongotea soaring high to claim it, and the Valley storming on to attack. However, the whoopsies hit again, and Horowhenua raced away 80 metres to take the score to 14-28. Not deterred, Valley swung back on to attack again, and were looking strong before a wayward pass was intercepted and the hole Valley were digging was starting to look pretty deep, 14-35. Then a long range penalty saw the score stretch out to 14-38, game over, or it should have been.

The arrival of the bench, and a bit of niggles through the middle stages of the half saw the Valley bar up and start to claw their way back into the match. First a Fletcher Morgan break and some great support line running from Alex Thrupp saw the peroxidised winger score his third try, before a few minutes later Josh Tye crashed over after a series of rucks on the line as the forwards earned their aftermatch mince and cheese pies. At 28-38 with 18 minutes on the clock, the impossible was starting to look possible.

The errors kept creeping in though, the wrong options, the old, "don't kick it, pass it" call was heard through the ground. When the Swampies held on to the ball, they were looking dangerous, and it's always much harder to score tries when you're kicking the ball back to the opposition, even old Tighthead Ted knows that. Horowhenua landed another mighty penalty to sneak out to a 13 point lead as the match see-sawed. The continuing niggles finally led to punches thrown, and a red card was awarded to the winner - the Horowhenua reserve hooker.

With a man down, Horowhenua defended gamely, and the Swampies managed to bomb a try with 10 to go, before Hendrix Beazley dotted down in the corner, five minutes left on the clock. Morgan landed a pearler of a conversion from wide out, into the wind, that gave the Swampies a final chance to sneak a win off the visitors. A frantic final period of play saw a few

Rodney Tongotea soars high to claim the second half kickoff.

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more wrong options, a missed drop goal attempt from Horowhenua (their 10's only miss of the day), and a full time whistle with the home side still six points short, 35-41. Hard to pick out too many shining lights in this game, but one worth mentioning would certainly have to be the ball deliverer for the start of

the second spell, Harper Sanford. A high-five for the kicker, followed by a front double biceps, a most muscular, and a bunch of cartwheels as he exited the field. Gold on all levels!

Of the players, jeez, there were a lot of errors, hard to single out any standouts, but ole THT isn't afraid of a challenge. Fletch Morgan got through a

ton of work with some nice breaks, and landed the conversions to keep the Valley within sniffing distance of the win. Looking at home now in the 12 jumper, just needs a haircut. Winger Alex Thrupp was all action, as dangerous as a monkey with a razor blade with ball in hand, and rewarded with three tries. Some vital tackles too. Doesn't need a haircut.

The bomb squad that hit the field did what they were meant to in best Bokke fashion. Prop Te Huia Kutia, who arrived at the 28th minute had a stormer of a match, scrummed to his usual high standard, and had some rampaging ball carries, was a treat to see for this old front ranker. Josh Tye at hooker came on, and with his first touch of the ball snaffled a textbook turnover, and snuck over under a pile of bodies for five points. Brett Ranga was immense on his arrival, hard nosed carries, mixed with some deft soft handed offloads - some of the double digit boys could learn from those silky skills! Likewise Laulea Mau, came on to the field and ran with intent, a couple of his runs just crashing on and on bouncing like a pinball, but always going forward. Tayne Tupaea also ran hard and didn't make errors, which had been the theme of the day until then. These blokes added the impetus that saw victory almost snatched from the jaws of defeat. Haircut watch: Only Tupaea needs a trim.

So a bit of a bummer of a game - but as one of the wise old heads of the backroom said, "at the start of the day we were heading to Whanganui for the semi final, and at the end of the day we still are". A loss after those three big wins might not be a bad thing, any complacency will have to be washed out of the system as the Valley heads into the sudden death fixture in Whanganui. They'll certainly want to turn the tables on last year's humping, and if they turn up on the day with the right mindset, it's all on like Donkey Kong.

Thames Valley 35 (A Thrupp 3, J Tye, H Beazley tries; F Morgan 5 conversions), lost to Horowhenua Kapiti (5 tries, 5 conversions, 2 penalties).



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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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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 57C Kent Crescent

Land, lifestyle and location

Escape the urban hustle and embrace the serenity of rural life with this charming 1.07-hectare (more or less) property. Nestled on a quiet, sought-after road, this section features flat and gently sloping terrain with no restrictive building covenants. North-facing, it enjoys all-day sunlight, and the nutrient-rich volcanic soil is perfect for crops or livestock. Build your dream home with space for sheds or a pool. Just 2 km from Waihi's town centre, schools, and amenities, this property combines rural tranquility with town convenience. With easy access to Auckland, Tauranga, and Hamilton, don't miss this opportunity!

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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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77 ha 

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Paeroa 162 Rotokohu Road

Dairy farm with scale

Here's your opportunity to acquire a productive 132-hectare (more or less) dairy farm in the heart of the Hauraki District, currently leasing an additional 65 hectares (more or less). Infrastructure includes a 40-aside herringbone dairy shed, calf shed, and haybarn. Stock water comes from two bores on another property, with the option to connect to a reliable council supply. Effluent is managed via a Kliptank system with a 1.5 million-litre capacity and two travelling irrigators covering 40 hectares (more or less). With proven production and motivated vendors, don't miss out - call today!

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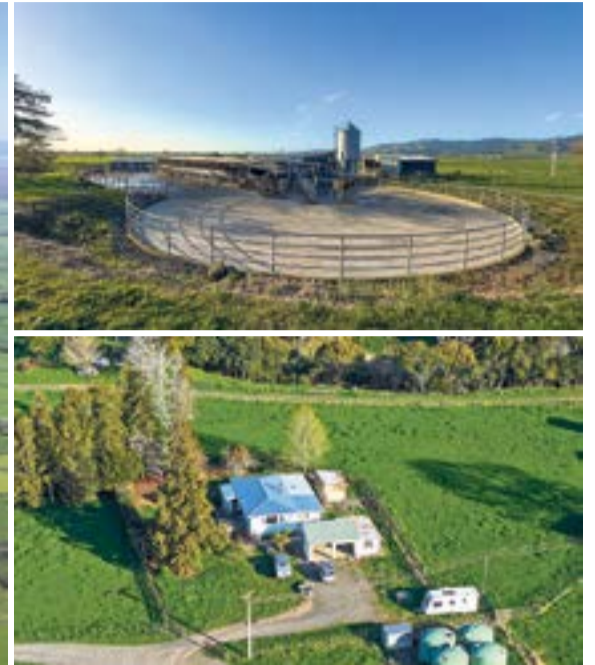
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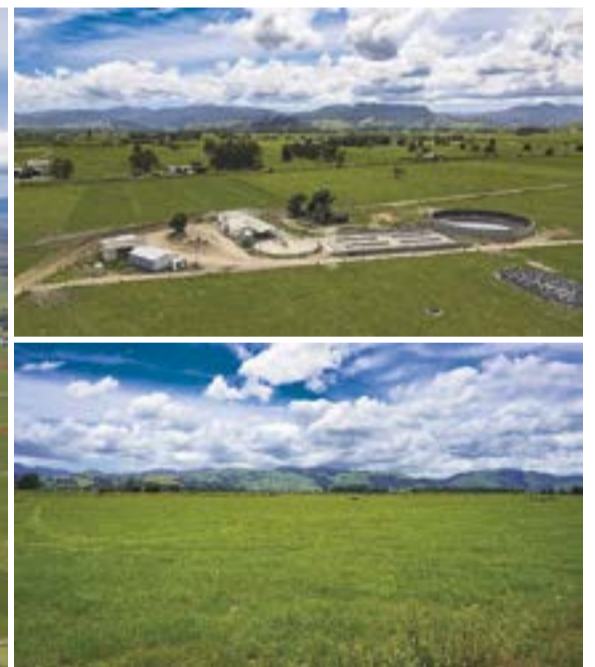
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Hikutaia 306 Ferry Road

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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177.6 ha

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Ngatea 272 River Road

Executive rural retreat

Experience modern rural living on this 1-hectare (more or less) property near Ngatea township. This high-end lifestyle block offers generous proportions, stylish design, and beautiful grounds. The home features a modern kitchen with premium appliances, sleek cabinetry, a spacious island, and a butler's pantry. An open fireplace with floor-to-ceiling stonework adds warmth. With four bedrooms, a master suite, office/5th bedroom, and guest powder room, there's ample space. The landscaped grounds include a circular driveway and guest parking. Only 3.5km from Ngatea, ideal for hobby farming or relaxing.

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Ngatea 403 Orchard East Road

A lifestyle opportunity with potential

Nestled in the peaceful Hauraki Plains, this 6.14-hectare (more or less) property offers a unique rural living opportunity. The rustic home has three bedrooms, open-plan living, exposed beams, and a cosy wood-burning fireplace. Large windows fill the space with natural light and offer beautiful rural views. While liveable, the home has potential for modern updates. A double garage and workshop provide ample storage. Fully fenced with paddocks, the land suits livestock or hobby farming. Located near schools, shops, and SH25, this property is perfect for those seeking a rural retreat or renovation project.

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Mangatangi 50 Montana Road

Family-friendly lifestyle property with sleepout

Tucked away in Mangatangi's tranquil landscapes, this 1.5-hectare (more or less) lifestyle property offers space, serenity, and scenic beauty. The three-bedroom home, sleepout, and large four-bay implement shed make it perfect for family living and outdoor entertaining. The open-plan living area, modern kitchen with vibrant splashback, and spacious bedrooms provide comfort and style. A vegetable garden, citrus trees, chicken coop, and paddock for horses embrace rural living. Electric gates frame the private driveway. Just 16km from the Firth of Thames, with nearby schools, this property is your rural escape. Auction day awaits!

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Mangatangi 1781 Miranda Road

Proven dairy unit with top notch infrastructure

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ENTERTAINMENT

Waihi students take to the stage

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Even though Kate Goodwin and Luke Brown were nervous and a “bit frightened” on opening night, the two cast members enjoyed being part of the Waihi College production.

The college recently held its school production called *Wheeler's Luck* - a larrikin comedy set in rural New Zealand and written by Nigel Collins, Toby Leach and Damon Andres.

Directed by Ingrid Berry, the play is about a tight-knit community who experience division when a rich developer emerges on the scene.

Waihi year eight student and cast member Kate Goodwin told *The Profile* she was excited on both opening and closing nights of the production, but also “sad that it was going to be over so soon”.

It was her fourth time being in a play and she got involved because she could do it alongside her friends, she said.

Kate played two different characters - one was an old lady and the other was a committee member, she said.

To prepare for opening night, Kate said she went over the lines and then “didn't think about it”.



The cast of *Wheeler's Luck* production recently held at Waihi College.

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But the best part about being involved was meeting new people and performing in front of people, she said.

Meanwhile, fellow cast member Luke Brown said the best part for him was “definitely performing”.

“Especially on the closing night, we were a lot more comfortable on stage.”

Luke said once you're on stage with the bright lights, “the audience isn't even visible anymore”.

The year 13 student said being in the production was a great experience “although we didn't think we could pull it off”.

“We only had a limited time to practice, however the crew and teachers helped pull it all

together and we had two great shows and it was lots of enjoyable fun,” he said.

It was the “first proper play” he'd been involved in, and he was drawn in because his whole drama class was part of it, Luke said.

He played a character called Perry De Winkel who was a “typical old Kiwi farmer” he

said.

Even though Perry was 80 years old, Luke said he felt Perry was a “really easy character for me to play”.

His advice for students who wanted to be part of the next school play was “definitely get involved”.

“The more people, the better,” he said.

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