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By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

British architect and television presenter George Clarke has thrown his support behind Whiritoa Lifeguard Service's clubhouse rebuild - calling on people to chip in with the fundraising efforts while visiting the coastal Hauraki town.

Known for transforming *Amazing Spaces*, Clarke helped raise awareness and support for the club's project - which aims to create a modern facility to better serve the local community and lifesaving efforts - by sharing a video of him bolstering up the rebuild and sharing his "deep" connection.

"This building has been here since the 1970s; it was actually built around the same month and the same year that I was born," he said. "And my connection with it is actually quite deep because my aunty and uncle just live a few hundred yards up the road - I convinced them to buy a place here, because I wanted them to have this beautiful coastline.

"Unfortunately, the building needs to go," he explained. "We need to build a brand new structure."

The project was born out of a need to address the current facilities at Whiritoa as they were no longer fit for purpose.

According to the service, the clubhouse development would address the current and future needs for surf lifesaving at Whiritoa Beach, as well as support wider Whiritoa community groups with "a well-designed, modern, weather-tight, and safe facility that caters to all visitors to the beach and club members - ensuring another 50 plus years of useful community use and lifesaving service".

A fundraising page set up to assist the project said \$1,842,709 of its \$5m target had been raised as

# 'Amazing' surf space



Concept art of the new lifeguard building at Whiritoa Beach. RIGHT: George Clarke posted to the Whiritoa Lifeguard Service's Facebook page and shared far and wide.

at February 17. "Clearly, this is a significant sum of money and great care will be exercised in all aspects of expenditure," the service said. "Our building committee, comprising of industry experts, has been established to ensure value for money and materials are used that will stand the test of time."

Clarke's video was posted on the Whiritoa Lifeguard Service's Facebook page on February 10, and club chairperson Patrina Kerr told *The Profile* they were "incredibly appreciative" of the TV personality's support.

"At the moment, the video has just gone out through our social media channels. It hasn't been

posted on George's social media channels as of yet, so once that happens, I think we're expecting a greater influx [of donations]. But people were pretty excited to see the video," she said, "and they've shared that amongst their networks, so it has filtered out a little bit wider than what a normal post would do for us."

"We're very grateful and appreciative of George's support, and we're excited to see the results when it does go out through George's channels as well."

Clarke, who is known for his television series *George Clarke's Amazing Spaces* - which has been running since 2012 - also posted to his 246,000 Instagram followers

a framed '50 Years' memorabilia print gifted to him by the Whiritoa Lifeguard Service, boasting the blue and yellow colours of the lifeguard's skull caps.

In his video he asked viewers to support the cause, stating that donating a "couple of dollars" towards the rebuild could make a "massive difference".

He also signed off with a promise. "When we build a new building," he said, "I'll come back and have a drink with you."

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# Boaties, dogs visit pest-free island

Coromandel Department of Conservation staff are “shocked and angered” by a report of two boaties taking their pet dogs ashore one of the district’s pest-free conservation islands.

And they’re calling on responsible boaties to report other recreational sailors who land on Coromandel’s off-limits islands.

DOC’s Coromandel operations manager, Nick Kelly, said the most recent incident occurred on Kawhitu/Stanley Island, located northeast of Matarangi, on February 8, and was witnessed by two members of the public who alerted DOC.

“Our informants saw two people - believed to be from a 660 Haines Hunter boat... ashore on Kawhitu,” Nick said.

“These people were spotted walking along a beach on the island at about 1:30pm with two dogs.”

Nick said Kawhitu was classified as Nature Reserve, under the Reserves Act 1977 – meaning no-one can enter without express permission.

“To see people flagrantly disregard the rules – and in this case walk right past a sign telling them they shouldn’t be there – is very distressing.

“As well as being somewhere they shouldn’t have been, the two people who’ve landed on Kawhitu have risked



DOC staff are “shocked and angered” by a report of two boaties taking dogs ashore on Coromandel’s pest-free Kawhitu/Stanley Island. Photo: SUPPLIED/DOC

undoing decades of conservation work protecting vulnerable species.

“They’ve also risked the biosecurity of the island, which is protected through strict protocols we place on our own staff and any visitor authorised to carry out work on Kawhitu.”

Nick encouraged the owner or skipper of the the boat – or anyone who saw the

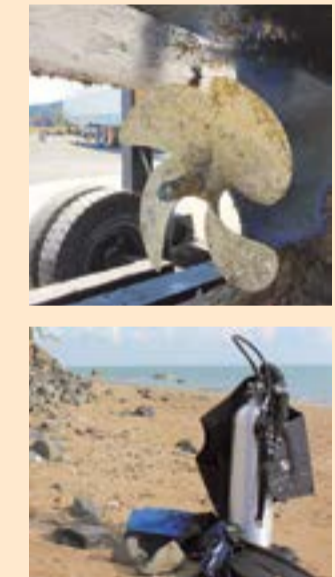
people from the vessel go ashore – to contact DOC on 0800 DOC HOT, and quote CLE-8615.

Roughly 86 ha in size, Kawhitu is a haven for a number of protected and threatened species, including tieke/saddlebacks, flesh-footed shearwaters/toanui, and kakariki/red-crowned parakeet.

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Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0 12

# A familiar face in new shoes at Paeroa College

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

Andrew Cameron is proud to call Paeroa College "Paeroa's college".

The newly-appointed principal is not new to the school, having been its deputy principal for eight years already, and he says he's excited to helm the growth of a campus already brimming with "whānau feeling" and community pride.

"This place very much feels like a whānau when you're in here and walk around," he said.

"We often get comments from outside people who come in about the wairua, the feeling that you get when you walk in, and that's created not just by the space, but because of the people that work here."

That inclusiveness and connection is what Andrew wants to continue fostering at the school.

To ensure he stays connected with the students, he's even planning on keeping a foot in the classroom, teaching te reo Māori.

"I teach all the new Year 9s, just to ensure that I know them all. It's very strategic," he said.

"I want our kids to feel valued for who they are, what they are, that they're enough. And you just come here and be you, we'll do the rest."

The school has seen a lot of



Andrew Cameron is looking forward to bringing his experience to the principal's chair. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

growth since Andrew joined its staff - from around 240 students to 380 - and with 50 per cent of the roll now made up of Māori students, he said it was also important to continue to

weave te ao Māori through the campus.

"You don't have to be a te reo speaker to be passionate about Māori kids and te ao Māori, you just have to want what's best

for the school and for the kids," he said.

"I think it's a string to my bow, but that's not why I've gone on the journey I have to learn te reo Māori. I want the

kids to have role models that speak [it] because the language is beautiful, culture is beautiful, and the more of us that can role model that to the kids, and they're proud and can be themselves at our school, it's only going to mean good things for them and the community."

Andrew said he had a great team behind him, and there was little he planned to change at the college.

His main focus, he said, will be the "core business" of learning.

"Teachers now are asked to do so much... For me, it's about stripping it back, decreasing the noise and the clutter, so that we are just focusing on what you're doing in the classroom as a teacher, because ultimately that's all that really matters," he said.

"We're aware of the responsibility that we have, and we want our community to walk alongside us, support us, and we'll do the best for their kids. Because we want them to be valued members of the Paeroa community, whether that's now or in the future.

"We want them to come back to the Hauraki and have that pride in this place, and be a positive contribution to the community."



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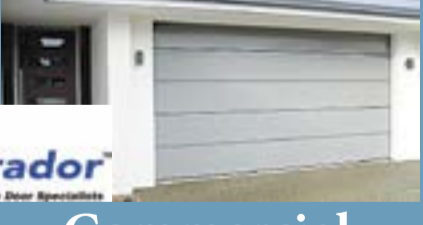
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# Pump track first of its kind for Hauraki

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

A fully-accessible pump track soon-to-be-constructed in Waihi will be the first of its kind in the Hauraki district, with a wheelchair-friendly design and a circuit suitable for championships.

And still, there's more to come. The track is part of a new Outdoor Recreation Hub to be situated in Morgan Park. It is the first aspect of the multi-stage project to be constructed, with a pōwhiri held on February 10 to mark the occasion.

"It's taken us a while to get here, so the forum is very excited that work will start," Waihi Community Forum chairperson Bindy Burke said.

"This is Stage One of the hub, and the forum is now focusing on securing consents and external funding for Stage Two - a new skate park, BBQ area and exercise area."

The establishment of a recreation hub has been a community initiative spearheaded by the Waihi Community Forum since 2021, in partnership with Hauraki District Council.

It has been involved in several successful community projects in Waihi, all designed to enhance the town. Past initiatives include murals, creating a 3x3 basketball area, and the community playground at Waihi East School.

The pump track design was chosen by the community during the forum's public consultation period. It will be wheelchair-



A pōwhiri was held on February 10 to mark the start of stage one's construction. RIGHT: The pump track will be wheelchair-friendly and include a beginners circuit and main track for both training and racing. Photos: SUPPLIED

friendly and include a beginners circuit for those just starting out, as well as a main track suitable for both training and racing.

"This is one of the most exciting projects I've been involved in because it has been such an inclusive community initiative," forum member and Waihi ward councillor Anne Marie Spicer said. "The

forum has received fantastic input from students, families, older residents, groups and organisations, whose ideas have helped shape the vision for this hub. The support from local and national funders has also been incredible."

The forum secured funding from external funding providers to get the facility constructed, in-

cluding contributions from Lotteries Commission, OceanaGold, Valder Ohinemuri Trust, Lions Club, and the Lion Foundation.

Cr Spicer told The Profile that the hub's location in Morgan Park would make it an "easily accessible and open, safe space where people of all ages can come together".



She also eagerly anticipated the second phase of the project.

"As a councillor, I've had many people approach me about the state of our current skatepark, which is in terrible condition, so I'm really excited about embarking on the hub's next stage."

There will also be a third and fourth stage of the hub's overall development. Stage Three will see the central area and playground established, while Stage Four will feature a public toilet and car park upgrade.

Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams said the transformation of Morgan Park, off Kenny St, would establish a "recreation destination for locals and visitors alike".

"Beyond the obvious recreational benefits, this project has the potential to foster community connection, attract tourism, and contribute to the economic vitality of Waihi and the wider region - something we're proud to support."

The contractors aim to have the pump track completed by the end of April, weather permitting.



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## MINING PROTESTORS

I for one, as a young man who has watched this nation over his whole life essentially make every wrong turn as far as economic growth is concerned, are heartened to see this topic FINALLY make it to the News (*Mining controversy*, P1 *The Valley Profile*, February 4). I am sick and tired of these greenpeace protesters putting a stop to every attempt at progress we have in this country. We have a whole generation of young people growing up in a recession without any hopeful prospects and it seems that at every turn our government boycotts any form of economic growth our country can take advantage of. Opening up the mines again and drilling for oil in this country would do a great deal to help replenish our struggling economy. It would provide well-paying jobs to a large sector of working class blue collar men who currently lack any real career opportunity. By exploiting our own natural resources, we will reduce the costs of a large variety of things and in doing so reduce the cost of living. I'm a 34-year-old professional truck driver and I recently drove past one of these protestors signs that read, 'Mining is Toxic.' How?!? How is it toxic? Are these people that ignorant?! How do they think mobile phones, buildings, cars and virtually everything in western society is produced?? It's through mining! Their rhetoric demonizes all industries as evil, yet they themselves take part in the fruits of those industries. It's a stupid hypocritical argument and just shows how out of touch they are politically. I'm sorry but the government needs to stop listening to these people. For too long in this country we have let these aging hippies stop all progress, while every other country on the planet is



Protest action saw the government's mining strategy announcement delayed in Waihi on January 31. ALICE PARMINTER

focused on building an economy and becoming self-reliant and personally I am sick of it. If we continue down this path we won't have a country in 20 - 30 years. Or it will be so expensive to live here that virtually all its inhabitants would have moved overseas, to where they can actually afford to live. I personally believe that mining can be done safely. We should be focusing on perfecting the process of mining by implementing procedures that help do this, rather than just dogmatically boycotting it along with every other form of industry in this country. That's my take. Have a good day.

- Matthew White, Thames

## RESPONSE

The letter from Matthew White on mining needs a response on points of fact. The protest at Waihi regarding the Minerals Strategy was not a

Greenpeace event, it was organised by local group Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki, and supported by people from across the Peninsula including from Waihi town. He asks how is gold mining toxic? Gold is bound up with heavy metals in quartz reefs in our area. To extract the gold, the heavy metals must be crushed up in the process. These metals are toxic for hundreds of years - see arsenic, lead, cadmium, zinc and more. Right now artificial mountains of this waste sit behind Waihi - the short term risk is low but long term risks of tailings dam failure are high, note the "orange river" last year when a very small old mine leached metals into the Ohinemuri River and elevated arsenic levels (not just in water, as plants like watercress uptake arsenic). I understand his points about jobs but we have to cre-

ate jobs that protect the environment and we can - we can mine e-waste (see cell phones etc) and reuse gold endlessly without digging up under our conservation land or our houses! Our most precious resources are clean water and healthy soils, not foreign companies making millions out of places like Waihi. Where are the golden streets and first class facilities after 30 years of mining? And where are sustainable jobs once the mining companies have taken the gold? And by the way, let's have a debate about the future of work and the land without personal insults regarding our age and identity. I realise the Minister of Resources thinks it's great to personally attack people who disagree with him but we can do better than that.

- Catherine Delahunty  
Chairperson, Coromandel Watchdog

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. The 1993 Reel 2 Real hit *I Like To Move It* had a second resurgence in popularity in the 2000s due to its use in which movie, where it was sung by the great king of the lemurs?
2. When was gold first discovered in Waihi? a)1838, b)1858 or c)1878?
3. What is the first element in the periodic table which is also a metal?
4. What does the economic term GDP stand for?
5. After Brazil, which country has the next highest population in South America?
6. True or false: it is illegal for any persons to own moon rocks brought back from the US Apollo missions?
7. What is the English common name usually given to the New Zealand native known in te reo Māori as tī kōuka?
8. True or false: Hamilton City had an operating underground railway station which operated from 1964 to 1995?
9. Kayfabe is a term used to describe a key quality of which form of athletic theatre?
10. Which famous UK man has seven children including Poppy Honey Rose, Daisy Boo Pamela and Petal Blossom Rainbow?



ANSWERS: 1. Madagascar; 2. c) 1878; 3. Lithium; 4. Gross Domestic Product; 5. True; They are closely guarded by the US government; 7. Cabbage tree (Cordyline australis); 8. True; 9. Professional wrestling; 10. Jamie Oliver.

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# Word on the street: what Waihi really thinks

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

Mining has long been synonymous with Waihi, from the first gold discovery on Pukewa Hill in the 1870s. Yet when Minister Shane Jones arrived on January 31 to announce the government's new mining strategy, he was met with a large throng of protesters against the industry.

With these conflicting opinions hitting the spotlight, *The Profile* wanted to know what everyday people in Waihi think of mining. We canvassed the main street on a busy Tuesday morning, and found most were proud of their town's history.

"It's employment for people. Without that, there wouldn't be Waihi. My husband and I both think it's good for the town - if it wasn't there, Waihi would be dead," Karen said.

Up near the pumphouse, a large group of women were waiting for friends. Lynette, Kay and Josie said the mine was the backbone of the town. "We love it. If you don't love mining, don't move to Waihi. In a perfect world, no one would want it, but it brings money to the town. It's been here for years," they said.

"I think in this day and age, the gold companies are aware of the environment, and they're very respectful of it too. Sometimes I think they're more aware of the environment than the protesters, because the protesters go and walk all over the bush with their signs and everything, and they drive around in electric cars and



"I vote Green, but I'm okay about mining in Waihi." - Brian, Waihi



"If it wasn't there, Waihi would be dead." - Karen, Waihi



"It's bad for the environment, but so many people are employed by it." - Margy, Whangamatā



"The mines were here before I got here, so therefore I accept it." - Rob, Waihi



"They provide a lot for the school." - Izzie and Evah, both from Waihi

with cellphones and wear jewellery. At least we're not hypocrites."

Some passers-by were fairly circumspect. Margy, a visitor from Whangamatā, said while she worried about the environment, it was hard to justify being concerned when mining was doing so much for employment.

"I just think it's good for the country if it's going to boost our economy. Which is totally wrong, probably," she said.

Another, anonymous bystander was more vocal about his dislike.

"If things are all equal and to

help the environment, they need to be held accountable... I'm sure Waihi has more environmental issues regarding mining than any other district in New Zealand."

For Brian, mining was a tricky issue. "I have my foot in both camps. I vote Green, but I'm okay about mining in Waihi, because this traditionally is a mining town. I do worry about what profits we get out of it, what royalties they actually pay," he said.

"It's nice to have a pretty lake, but more could be done around here. The new opencast is pretty

close to where I live. I just want to see a benefit from it."

For the relatively few people who disagreed completely with mining, it was money at the top of their minds.

"I don't like it - it all goes out to Australia instead of coming back into town. Where's all the gold going?" Joan asked.

"New Zealand needs to open their eyeballs up and stop selling everything off. Gold is a commodity that you do not want to get rid of, you want to keep it in New Zealand," Veronica agreed.

It was safety that was Rob's main concern, however.

"I think that without the mines, Waihi wouldn't be what it is," he said. "One area of concern I've got is with the Martha Mine, they're planning on filling it full of water. I just think it's going to be too deep. I worry about the water level with the primary school over the road... [but] I don't object to them extending."

One thing almost everyone agreed on was the support the mining operation offered to the community.

"They provide a lot for the school. They provide scholarships for academics and trades. They run a driving programme that helps people get their restricted, which is cool as well. It brings so much money in for the town," said Izzie and Evah, who had wandered down from Waihi College.

"They give a lot of money to the schools, any community events you apply to OceanaGold for funding and they will contribute. People don't realise what else they do. If they left tomorrow, everybody would feel it," said the women's group.

The final word went to Pop, as he whizzed down the street on his motorised scooter.

"I don't care. You're not going to stop the Americans from doing it," he said.

"It's had its ups and downs. Sometimes it's good - they did the road up, there's one consolation about it."



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# Eruption causes house collapse, 'living nightmare'



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

## PART TWO

Part One was published in the February 11 issue of The Valley Profile

The children were wakened and everybody dressed before gathering in the sitting room. It was thought to be the safest part of the building, being constructed of iron.

A fire was lit in the stove and the group sat down in the middle of the room, Amelia with all the children around her. Out the window was a great sheet of fire and there were shocks of earthquake every 10 minutes.

Clara calmly sat down at the harmonium and played and sang hymns.

At 3am a rattling noise similar to stones pattering on a roof top began. The noise became so great they could not hear each other speak. Harry Lundis picked up a piece of the debris and the horrifying conclusion was made that it was lava and that Tarawera was



The Haszard home after the eruption. The harmonium which Clara played survived the devastation. RIGHT: Little Charlie's grave. Photos: SUPPLIED

erupting. The volcanic shower continued to pour on the house for about an hour. A tremendous wind then rose and came down with such force that they were nearly suffocated with smoke.

At about 4am the walls began bulging inwards. Suddenly there came a tremendous crash and the roof fell in on top of the group. Clara, who had been near the surveyors, put out her hands in the dark and grasped John's hand on one side and on the other, Harry's.

Lava fell on their heads. Harry smashed the window, cutting his hand very badly, and had to use

his foot to kick out the remaining glass.

Once outside he pulled Clara and John out. A great quantity of blue clay was falling and it was very dark.

In the open they were struck with lumps of lava so ran into another portion of the house and shut the door. But the roof was bulging down and the other rooms were inaccessible so they opened the door and stood in the doorway ready to escape. The house then appeared to be struck by lightning and burning lava and it caught fire.

The trio ran for some other shel-



ter, stumbling through a paddock of uprooted trees in the darkness. They found the henhouse still standing and took refuge there.

Of those who had been assembled in the middle of the room when the building collapsed, Old Mary, leaning against the doorpost of a bedroom, snatched Ina into the bedroom where they crawled under a washstand.

After a while, the mud which had been raining down on them stopped and they managed to clear away with their hands the debris covering them. They got themselves upright and waited in the dark.

Amelia, sitting in her chair with her three youngest children around her, was pinned to the floor by her leg when the roof fell in. Young Charlie was likely with his Uncle Charlie while Amelia protected their children. Forty seven-year-old Charles was struck and killed by the roof caving in, falling close to the stove and half across an ottoman. Charlie too was killed alongside his uncle in the roof fall. Amelia endured a horrific living nightmare as her small children died, one on each

side of her and one in her arms. In the henhouse Clara, John and Harry watched the house with great anxiety, remaining there until daylight when help came. Old Mary and Ina were found in the corrugated iron portion of the house and rescued through a window.

Everyone listened for sounds of life in the collapsed building, but there was nothing, just 85ft of mud and debris on the fallen roof. The girls were taken to safety and a party of searchers returned to begin digging at the house. They uncovered Amelia Haszard, astonishingly still alive after hours of entombment. She, Ina and Clara were the only Haszard family survivors. The surveyors John Blyth and Harry Lundis also survived, as well as Old Mary.

The Tarawera eruption lasted six hours, causing massive destruction. Several villages were wiped out as well as the famous Pink and White Terraces. Around 120 people died, mostly Māori. Te Wairoa later became a tourist attraction known as 'The Buried Village'.

An inquest found Charles Haszard and some of his family accidentally came by their death by the falling of a house caused by a volcanic eruption.

Charles and his children are buried together at Rotorua cemetery. His Thames nephew, although mentioned on the Haszard gravestone, was buried separately; his small headstone poignantly inscribed 'Little Charlie'.

# Foodies

## Foodies: a place for culinary connoisseurs

Food has a quiet way of bringing people together. It's more than just nourishment - it's a shared experience that connects people.

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Whether you're on the hunt for the latest food trends, hidden gems, or local favourites, Foodies keeps our readership in the loop about the best dining experiences in the area.

Each month, a different Foodies advertiser has the opportunity to showcase who they are and what specialities make their establishment stand out.

But for many restaurants, cafes, pubs, food trucks and eateries there's more than just food on the menu.

Activities such as quiz nights, pool, karaoke, live music, community gatherings



and more are key factors that draw people back again and again. Some food places also offer their venue for hire, catering for functions, cooking workshops, and even portable food or coffee carts for events.

While it's easy to believe the busy days of summer are long gone with autumn on the brink - now is the perfect time for food businesses to stay front and centre with a spot on the Foodies page.



Even though the temperature is set to drop, the appetite for cozy comfort food only grows. Get your culinary creations noticed by more food lovers through the Foodies page where locals go to find their next favourite spot.

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# Revolver needed for races

**OPINION**

By **RON AGNEW**



Funny isn't it, how life seemed so much simpler in days gone by, and thus arguably more enjoyable. The Thames Races were a very big deal in Thames early January each year, and big crowds of locals and holiday makers attended filling the stand, and grounds, with their big umbrellas, gazebos, and deck chairs. Hoping to win on the horses, but also hoping to win some flounder, with many draws throughout the day. A lot of money went through the tote on site, with a dozen TAB windows often having queues. And thus a lot of money was held there.

At the end of the day, we were tasked with getting the old steel revolver out of the Police station safe, with five bullets, (in different pockets) and being dropped up at the tote by the station police car, and accompanying the TAB manager, in his car with a boot full of money in metal cases to the BNZ bank staff who opened for us. We were thanked then everyone went off in their various directions. The Police car picked us up and the gun had to be duly returned to its safe. Funnily in those days the banks were also allowed to have a revolver and a few bullets, under the counter at the bank.

When I was stationed in Hamilton a few years before, we went in and checked their operativity from time to time, and the bank staff were supposed to have training in safety operating a revolver. However, things hit the fan a few years later, when staff, playing around, accidentally discharged the weapon and a round went through the roof, so firearms were later removed from banks, (much to the relief of bank robbers I imagine!).

I hadn't been in the Police long and was stationed in Hamilton when the Senior Sergeant instructed me to draw a station revolver and five bullets, and that I would be taken to the BNZ, and accompany a consignment of money to Auckland. His instruction: "Put the gun in one pocket, bullets in the other, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES WERE THE ROUNDS TO BE

PUT IN THE WEAPON". I had to chuckle to myself, because I had just left the Regular Army and transferred over to the Territorial Army with weekly trainings! However, I sat in the back of a hot stuffy truck for the trip, sitting from memory on what I remember as being wire-wrapped cartons of about \$4 million.

It was actually a lovely aspect to old time policing; the variety of duties was mind boggling. So much was left for the policeman on duty to deal with. The decisions were his or hers to make, to prosecute or not to prosecute. To arrest or not to arrest. Police had the ability, especially in rural areas of the country, to do what was best (in their view) for the offender, as well as the victim. At times there were offenders who just admitted everything and seemed quite regretful, and on the odd occasion victims who were very cagey and suspicious, leading to one questioning how much they were claiming from insurance! I did enjoy relieving at Whitianga when Constable Dave Wall went on leave.

He had a huge area to cover as there was no station, or Police in Tairua or Pauanui in those days. In the middle of the night it was a hell of a drive to get to Tairua quickly in a call out in your own car (there were no one-man stations with Police cars in those days - the cop had to use his own on mileage).

Dave had his own cannabis patch growing in his vegetable garden at the side of the station house. One plant was nearly 1.5 metres high. I asked Dave why, and he said the school station visits got shown what the plant looked like so they could report if seeing it. He grew them, until one night someone came and stole every one, so Dave never replanted after that! I had a lot of respect for Dave, a wonderful community policeman, he was also the St John "Zambuck" first aid man at the rugby on a Saturday. A wonderful example. It was a relief however, when Police set up in Tairua later, about 1983, and Constable Nig PakiPaki stationed himself there. I had to race over there late one night and call him out. He got dressed, grabbed his revolver from a shelf above the back door - that's where he kept the station firearm, fully loaded on that shelf! He was a really amazing, effective, and popular policeman.

- Ron Agnew, former Thames Police officer



## St John Thames

### Summer Holiday Period Ambulance Responses

With the typical increase in visitors to our district over the New Year period, we experienced a corresponding rise in demand, responding to 55 incidents across Hauraki and Coromandel on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hato Hone St John provided additional event staff and resources to the Whangamata "Safe Zone" on New Year's Eve, in collaboration with the Thames-Coromandel District Council. This initiative was well utilised, allowing for patient monitoring and reducing the need for transport to Thames Hospital. As a result, resources remained available for more serious incidents.

### Safe Summer Coromandel Programme

St John Thames has been a foundational member of the Safe Summer Coromandel programme, which aims to reduce fatalities and serious injuries among summer visitors. By leveraging the collective strengths of our partner agencies, this joint initiative has contributed to lowering the number of fatal incidents since its inception.

### Collaboration with Medical Centres

During the peak holiday period, the Coromandel and Whitianga medical centres implemented an Extended-Care Paramedic program, deploying three paramedics to support both clinic operations and PRIME emergency responses in North Coromandel. This collaboration provided vital assistance to medical centres while enhancing emergency care response capabilities.

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# Event marks 'helter skelter' gold rush stampede

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

In 1875, it was hoped that the Ōhinemuri Goldfield would be the "new Eldorado".

A reporter for *The Thames Advertiser*, as compiled in *The Ōhinemuri Regional Historical Journal*, noted "wild scenes unprecedented in these parts" as eager diggers dashed madly across the river in the Karangahake Gorge, on horse and foot, awaiting the following day's proclamation - the opening of the Ōhinemuri Goldfield.

What occurred on March 3, 1875, described as a "stampede" of those hoping to secure gold-rich ground, marked the beginning of the Karangahake and Mackaytown communities, and next month an event will be held to commemorate it.

The Karangahake Hall Committee is acknowledging 150 years since the Ōhinemuri Goldfields in the gorge opened up to prospectors with a historic showcase on March 9.

"I think it's important to mark this occasion because it is such a big number - 150 years," hall secretary Aura Hurrell told *The Profile*.

"We found out about the anniversary just before Christmas so [there was] not a lot of time to organise anything like the 1975 centenary celebration, but we really felt it should be acknowledged. We have such a great community here in Karangahake and Mackaytown, with many family ties that go back generations and lots of wonder-



ABOVE AND RIGHT: The 1975 centenary re-enactments of the gold rush stampede.

Photos: SUPPLIED

ful 'new blood' too... We wanted to acknowledge the milestone and honour our heritage by keeping the memory alive of what went on here over the years to make it the special place it is today."

In 1975, the Paeroa, Karangahake, and Mackaytown communities went to a "great effort" to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the stampede, Aura said, with a full re-enactment, period fancy dress, and a hangi put on by the local marae.

The event on March 9 this year would be an "informal get together where people can come along and read about the local history and

view the photos," she said.

According to the Ōhinemuri Journal, on the morning of March 3, 1875, there was a "mounting impatience" as the hundreds of prospectors awaited the opening of what they finally hoped would prove "the new Eldorado".

"As the hour approached, the excitement intensified; impatience was visible on every face. Some were already mounted on horses, ready to rush towards the site of the prospector's claim, to secure ground close to it," the reporter wrote.

"The helter skelter across the Ōhinemuri River, which was un-

avoidable, was perhaps the most amusing, and was watched with great interest by numbers who stationed themselves on the hill for that purpose.

"In some cases, men could be seen swimming across, miner's right in hand, to gain the opposite bank in advance of others.

"Others would attempt to run over the slippery boulders, and through the strong stream, whilst others again would run and swim alternately.

"Some swam horses at another place to a steep bank, where they dismounted and went straight up. How they managed to grasp

scrub and fern, and so reach the summit, was perhaps a marvel to themselves after it was all over."

Aura said the things she found most fascinating about this piece of history was how industrious people were back in 'the years of the gold': 1875-1935.

"The other thing I am really impressed about is how much effort was put into the 1975 centenary celebrations - a combined effort by the Paeroa Drama Society, The Paeroa and District Centennial Committee, local Iwi and many volunteers from town. The NZ Army even got involved and provided uniforms for the actors."

The Karangahake Hall Committee's historical shWWowcase will be held at the hall on Sunday, March 9 from 10-2pm. Records will cover the original stampede and the 'Years of the Gold', the centenary celebrations in 1975, The Karangahake School history, and the build - and rebuild - of the Karangahake Hall.

**DETAILS: If anyone has information to share with the committee before the event, or want to be involved they are welcome to get in touch: Call 022 540 9162 or email karangahakehallcommittee@gmail.com.**



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# Rural Life

## Catchment group eyes Haurahi Stream

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

The Western Firth Catchment Group is holding an informational afternoon and barbecue for landowners on March 7, with an eye to improving water quality in the area.

Landowners in the Kaiaua and surrounding area are invited to the Hauraki Golf Club, where the catchment group will provide updates on the current state of the area's waterways. There will also be guest speakers with information on dos and don'ts and relevant future legislation.

The group, which was formed by landowners seven years ago, proactively manages streams within the catchment.

"At the time Living Water, a DOC/Fonterra partnership, had identified the catchment area behind the Miranda bird sanctuary as an area needing stream mitigation to protect the wading birds," catchment group chair Peter Roberts said.

"We worked with Living Water for the next five years and did significant stream planting and monitoring in that area.

"We also partnered with Ecoquest from Kaiaua, who have been doing stream sampling in three streams. We are now seeing long term trends of the effects of stock exclusion and planting. Another part of our work is installing silt traps on the ephemeral stream to reduce the silt entering the main streams."

The group also implements a biose-



Planting seedlings in the Kaiaua Bowling Club reserve in 2022. Photo: SUPPLIED

curity programme targeting pests such as rats, stoats and possums.

This year, the trust plans to focus on the Haurahi Stream in Kaiaua.

"We have already done a lot of planting and stream clearance in the lower reaches and are about to begin the next stage in the Kaiaua domain," Peter said.

"This involves digger work, fencing and planting. We are working with the Hauraki District Council, Waikato Regional Council and iwi on this project. Funding for this project is mainly from the Aotearoa Gaming Trust and Hauraki District Council."

Volunteers and donations are always welcome, the trust said, to ensure it can continue to improve the quality of water in the catchment.

**DETAILS: Western Firth Catchment Group information meeting and BBQ, March 7, 2pm at the Hauraki Golf Club. Contact Peter Roberts at peterroberts@actrix.gen.nz for more.**

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# The ripple effect of vision - don't hold back

**OPINION**

By MICHAEL WILKES



The other morning, while out for a ride, I tuned into a podcast - the kind designed to pump you up: *You are more. You can do more.*

Dream big. It was inspiring, sure, but what resonated most wasn't about personal growth - it was about the transformative power of vision.

I've previously mentioned the proverb, "Without vision, the people cast off restraint".

As I pedalled along, it hit me that vision isn't just about personal goals.

When lived out, it has a ripple effect. It doesn't just change us - it inspires others to step forward too.

This became clear to me recently when my wife and I shared with friends about some financial decisions we're making to support youth work long-term.

It's not a small endeavour—we're taking a risk and stretching ourselves.

The motivation behind it is simple but powerful: we want to ensure the work we do with young people becomes sustainable for years to come. The drive to make

a lasting impact outweighs the uncertainty of stepping out of our comfort zone.

We've always believed in the power of community, and while we're taking these steps ourselves, we're open to others joining us on this mission to help fund youth work.

It's a shared vision, and if you feel inspired to run alongside us, please don't hesitate to reach out.

What truly surprised us, though, was the ripple effect this decision had.

As we shared our plans, friends who had been sitting on the fence about their own similar choices found the courage to take the leap.

They didn't act because we pushed them or tried to persuade them; they acted because they caught a glimpse of what's possible when we lean into a vision with purpose and conviction.

Our steps forward became a spark for them to move too, and that realization has only deepened our belief in the power of shared vision and bold action.

When we dare to dream and take steps toward those dreams, we unknowingly empower others to step into their own.

Vision creates momentum not just for ourselves but for those around us.

So here's my thought for today:

If you have a dream or a vision that excites you, don't hold back. Start moving toward it.

Start making waves.

Because in your wake, you might just look back and see others - people you care about - riding the same wave, inspired by your courage to act.

*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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Thames Valley Hockey.



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Lions Club of Waihi end of year event.



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Beginners are welcome to head along to the Hauraki Thames Scottish Country Dance Club as there is no experience necessary. For anyone wanting to try something new, pop along to the Thames Band Room on Queen St, Thames, on February 20 at 5:15pm for the club's first dance night of the year.

**ROTARY PAEROA**

Rotarians enjoy serving their community as well as the friendship and fellowship that goes along

with being part of a group of this nature. Rotary Paeroa is made up of all sorts of members - an antique dealer, veterinarian, engineer, a basketball coach, farmer, historian, artists, retirees, a nationally renowned psychologist and even the local pinup gal. Come along to 'An Evening with Rotary' at 5:30pm on March 25 to hear from some Rotarians and learn what Rotary is all about. Location 9 Arney Street, drinks and nibbles provided.

**LIONS CLUB OF NGATEA**

Our club will have a new Brochure

available at the Free Family Fun Day to promote what we do in the community. People will find it in our new Ngatea Lions Club gazebo.

**THAMES ROTARY**

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**PAEROA LIONS CLUB**

Paeroa Lions are going to run a sausage sizzle at Paeroa Domain to support the Children's Day on March 16th and the annual Fun Ride along the Hauraki Cycle Trail to raise funds for the Cancer Society in April. Our food caravan will be out and about attending various events to raise funds for various community projects. In October Paeroa Lions will run the annual fireworks display in Paeroa Domain. If you want to help, you can spend time setting up events, coming to events, and cleaning up after events. Feel free to contact Paeroa Lions through [paeroalions.org.nz/#Contact](http://paeroalions.org.nz/#Contact) or [www.facebook.com/paeroalions](http://www.facebook.com/paeroalions).

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**Rotary Club Thames**



# The Petersens strum into Thames Valley

One thing American family band The Petersens know how to do is captivate audiences with their fresh soulful bluegrass music.

It's something the people of Thames Valley can look forward to finding out first hand as the musical group is set to perform at the Thames War Memorial Civic Centre on February 23 as part of their debut New Zealand tour.

The family band, hailing from the Ozarks in Missouri, is made up of siblings Katie, Ellen, Matt, and Julianne, along with their mother Karen and friend Emmett Franz.

Tight harmonies, heartfelt songs and deep-rooted connection to the traditions of American roots music are all things The Petersens are recognised for.

Their music blends tradition with a modern twist, creating a sound that resonates with fans of all ages.

Promoter Mark Mazengarb,



who has brought several acts from the United States of America to New Zealand in recent years, said he discovered the Petersens online through their Youtube channel videos, which

have garnered the band more than 250 million views.

"To me, you can't beat the timeless combination of strong vocal harmonies, good songs, and instrumental mastery," he

said.

Something valuable to Mark, who is also a musician, was finding the ideal setting.

"I've really tried to find venues that will match the music, and create that intimate setting that this music fits so well."

That's where Peter and Keri Revell of Kauaeranga Music come in. The Kauaeranga Music hosts hold regular concerts in the Kauaeranga hall near Thames, but for their upcoming musical guests, they needed to secure a bigger venue: The Civic Centre.

"I think part of why the Kauaeranga Music works so well is because there is a lot of music that takes place in Thames itself," Peter said.

Choral music happens at St George's Church, and they frequently have cellists and pianists, and there are regular gigs at The Rockerbox, he said.

"And I think the fact that we've got a dedicated music shop [Garden Music] is really

significant."

The Thames community will have the opportunity to experience a mix of traditional bluegrass and country songs, gospel tunes, popular cover songs and original compositions from The Petersens.

People can expect to be whisked away by the music, the band's stories about their travels and also a section where The Petersens take questions from the crowd, which makes the concert feel like an intimate gathering with friends.

Every performance will showcase the impressive musicianship and arrangements that complement their harmonies, and a setlist sure to include fan favourites and heartfelt new material to make each show a memorable experience.

While tickets will be sold at the door, purchasing them ahead of time through Eventfinda.co.nz is the best way to secure entry and avoid any queues.

**DETAILS:** The Petersens at the Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, 200 Mary St, Thames on February 23 at 7pm to 9pm. To buy tickets, head to Eventfinda.co.nz and search for The Petersens.



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Inspired artist to showcase in Paeroa

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It's not easy for Donna Hone to name just one place the inspiration for her art comes from.

That's because the multifaceted maker, who creates pieces of pottery, knitting, crochet, macrame, dry Gourd lamps and more, has several sources she draws from.

The artist told *The Profile* if anyone was to look at her Pinterest board, they would see she has to live until she is 300 years old to complete all the tasks on there.

"I get inspiration from there, but the list is so long," she said.

People can see some of her inspired pieces on display in the Crosby Gallery at the Paeroa Arts Centre until March 9 from 10am to 3pm daily.

Another place she draws inspiration from is her garden.

Donna was currently working on a pottery piece which had impressions of different weeds and leaves pressed into the clay.

While Donna believed art was for looking at - she hadn't moved into that arena yet because "my things have to be functional".

But her passion for art was clear.

Donna loved learning and trying new things, and sharing that with others, she said.

Some of Donna's art, such as the Gourd lamps, would be seen at their fullest potential at night time when lit up with a small light or candle.

It's something people can expect to



Donna Hone's art exhibition is now open at the Paeroa Arts Centre. RIGHT: Donna's dry gourd lamps. Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

see later in the year with the Art Centres Matariki celebration light show, where Donna and other artists will have their light pieces exhibited.

**DETAILS: Visit Donna Hone's art exhibition at Paeroa Arts Centre, 109 Normanby Rd, Paeroa, from 10am to 3pm daily until March 9. Follow Paeroa Society of Arts on Facebook for updates.**



## Superhero movies set for 2025 release

### POP CULTURE



By ALI KOIA-HAMLING, Paeroa College student

From *Superman* to *Captain America*, this year offers a lot of new superhero movies.

*Superman* is set to reset the DC Universe this year, after its disappointing run over the past few years. Directed by James Gunn, the director of the hit marvel *Guardians Of The Galaxy* films, *Superman* will offer a fresh new take on the hero. The last time *Superman* was brought to the big screen was more than a decade ago. Now suiting up as the iconic hero is newbie David Corenswet, while Rachel Brosnan will star as Lois Lane.

*Fantastic Four: First Steps* - The *Fantastic Four* has tried and failed to be brought to the big screen several times, however has fallen flat. Now, this year, the first ever *Fantastic Four* movie in the MCU will be released, just two weeks after the release of DC's *Superman*. Pedro Pascal, known for his role in the hit TV series *The Last Of Us* will star as Reed Richards, alongside a star-studded cast. Downey Jr's Doctor Doom could be a cameo in the film.

*Captain America: Brave New World*, the first solo *Captain America* film in nine years, is now out, making it the first major superhero movie release of the year. Taking over the shield from Chris Evans is Anthony Mackie, previously the Falcon, who will star alongside Harrison Ford starring as a Red Hulk.

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**September 5 (92 mins)** M. Drama. 'September 5' unveils the decisive moment that forever changed media coverage and continues to impact live news today. Set during the 1972 Munich Olympics, the film follows an American sports broadcasting team that quickly adapted from sports reporting to live coverage of athletes taken hostage. A fresh perspective on the live broadcast seen globally by an estimated one billion people.

**Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (125 mins)** M. Bridget navigates life as a widow & single mom with the help of family, friends, and a former lover. On the apps, she's pursued by a younger man.

**The Room Next Door (107 mins)** M. Starring Tilda Swinton. Martha's strained relationship with her mother fractures when a misunderstanding drives them apart. Their mutual friend Ingrid sees both sides of the rift. Reviewed as "extravagant and engrossing" with "luxuriously self-aware performances".

**A Complete Unknown (141 mins)** M. At the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, a young Bob Dylan shakes up his act on the folk music scene by going electric and singing rock as the voice of a generation.

**Sonic The Hedgehog 3 (110 mins)** PG. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced. With their abilities outmatched, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet.

**Maria (123 mins)** M. Follows the life story of the world's greatest opera singer, Maria Callas, during her final days in 1970s Paris. Captivating performance by Angelina Jolie. International co-production.

**Mufasa: The Lion King (118 mins)** PG. Mufasa: The Lion King enlists Rafiki to relay the legend of the unlikely rise of the beloved king of the Pride Lands, introducing an orphaned cub called Mufasa.

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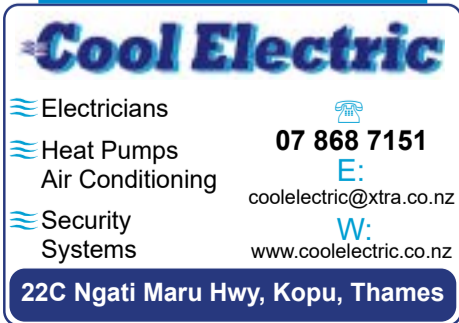
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# Work to begin on storm-damaged Waihi road

Work to rebuild the section of Golden Valley Rd in Waihi that collapsed after heavy rains in May, 2023, will begin this week.

Hauraki District Council Mayor Toby Adams said the rebuild would be welcome news for local residents.

“It’s been a big exercise to align budgets, design and contractors, so we’re very pleased to see this work get the green light,” he said.

The rebuild repairs a five metre deep slip which removed approximately 66 metres of the road. There was a total of three slips which made Golden Valley Rd impassable for pedestrians and vehicles at the Landlyst Rd

end (between RP 0.770 and RP 1.220).

To reduce the chance of a repeat event at the site, the rebuild includes a 125 metre road realignment along with retaining walls, backfilling and earthworks. Contractor Ventia Ltd planned to establish on site on February 17. The planned completion date is April 9, excluding any unforeseen rain days or underground surprises.

“We know the length of time between the road collapse and start of the repair has been considerable,” council group services manager Adrian de Laborde said. “The difficulty was that the storm damage was not as a direct result of Cyclone Gabrielle,

so the works didn’t qualify for the government’s repair fund for that event. It’s taken a bit to balance the books but now that we’ve got a full budget approved, we’re eager to get going.”

There were no drive way accesses in this stretch of damaged Golden Valley Rd so residents have had access to their properties at all times, council said.

“It’s been a long haul and everyone will be very happy to see this road re-established, Mayor Adams said.

“Our thanks to the local residents and community for their patience and understanding while we’ve been on this journey. It’s a relief to see that the destination is within sight.”



Golden Valley Rd was damaged in May, 2023. Photo: SUPPLIED/HDC

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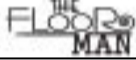
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**HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL - DISTRICT PLAN**

**Proposed Plan Change 2: Waihi – Residential and Industrial Re-zoning, and;**  
**Proposed Plan Change 2A: Kopuarahi Hall and Patetonga Hall (and adjoining land) Re-zoning (Clause 5, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991)**

Hauraki District Council has prepared Proposed Plan Change 2 and Proposed Plan Change 2A to the Operative Hauraki District Plan – Hauraki Section (the Proposed Plan Changes).

**Proposed Plan Change 2** seeks to implement directions signalled in the 'Hauraki District Growth Strategy Te Rautaki Whakatipu 2050' by re-zoning three distinct and geographically separate areas of land in and around Waihi to facilitate either residential (at Thorn Road and Bradford Street) or industrial land uses (at Ford Road), with structure plans proposed to guide future growth for two of the areas. The Proposed Plan Change also seeks to amend existing Low Density Residential Zone and Subdivision provisions in relation to a fourth area (Bradford Street Extension) to allow for an increased density of development.

The Proposed Plan Change consists of the following document (with attachments): **Proposed Plan Change 2: Waihi – Residential and Industrial Re-zoning** which contains the proposed changes to the District Plan text and maps.

**Proposed Plan Change 2A** seeks to rezone the Kopuarahi Hall and the Patetonga Hall from Reserve (Active) Zone to Rural Zone so that they can be more easily disposed of given their use as community facilities has significantly reduced in recent years. It is also proposed to similarly re-zone a small area of land adjoining the Patetonga Hall.

The Proposed Plan Change consists of the following document (with attachments): **Proposed Plan Change 2A: Kopuarahi Hall and Patetonga Hall (and adjoining land) Re-zoning** which contains the proposed changes to the District Plan text and maps.

The Proposed Plan Changes may be inspected or purchased at the Hauraki District Council offices at: 1 William Street, Paeroa; 84 Orchard West Road, Ngātea; 40 Rosemont Road, Waihi or any of the District libraries in Paeroa, Waihi or Ngātea, or online at <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/plan-changes> (please call 07 862 8609 if you have any questions about the proposal).

Any person may make a submission on either of the Proposed Plan Changes but, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that —

- adversely affects the environment; and
- does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

The submission must be in accordance with Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from the Hauraki District Council offices, libraries and website.


You may make a submission by sending a submission to The Chief Executive, Hauraki District Council by:

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Email: [Info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:Info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz)  
Delivery: to one of the Council offices.  
**Submissions close at 4.30pm on Friday 21 March 2025.**

**The process for public participation in the consideration of either Proposed Plan Change** under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submissions, Hauraki District Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and decisions requested by submitters. This summary must be publicly notified;
- there must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made. The following persons may make a further submission:
  - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
  - any person who has an interest in the Proposed Plan Change greater than the general public has; and
  - Hauraki District Council.
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held;
- Hauraki District Council must give its decision on the Proposed Plan Change (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the Proposed Plan Change to the Environment Court if,
  - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal.

D A Speirs  
Chief Executive  
on behalf of Hauraki District Council  
18 February 2025




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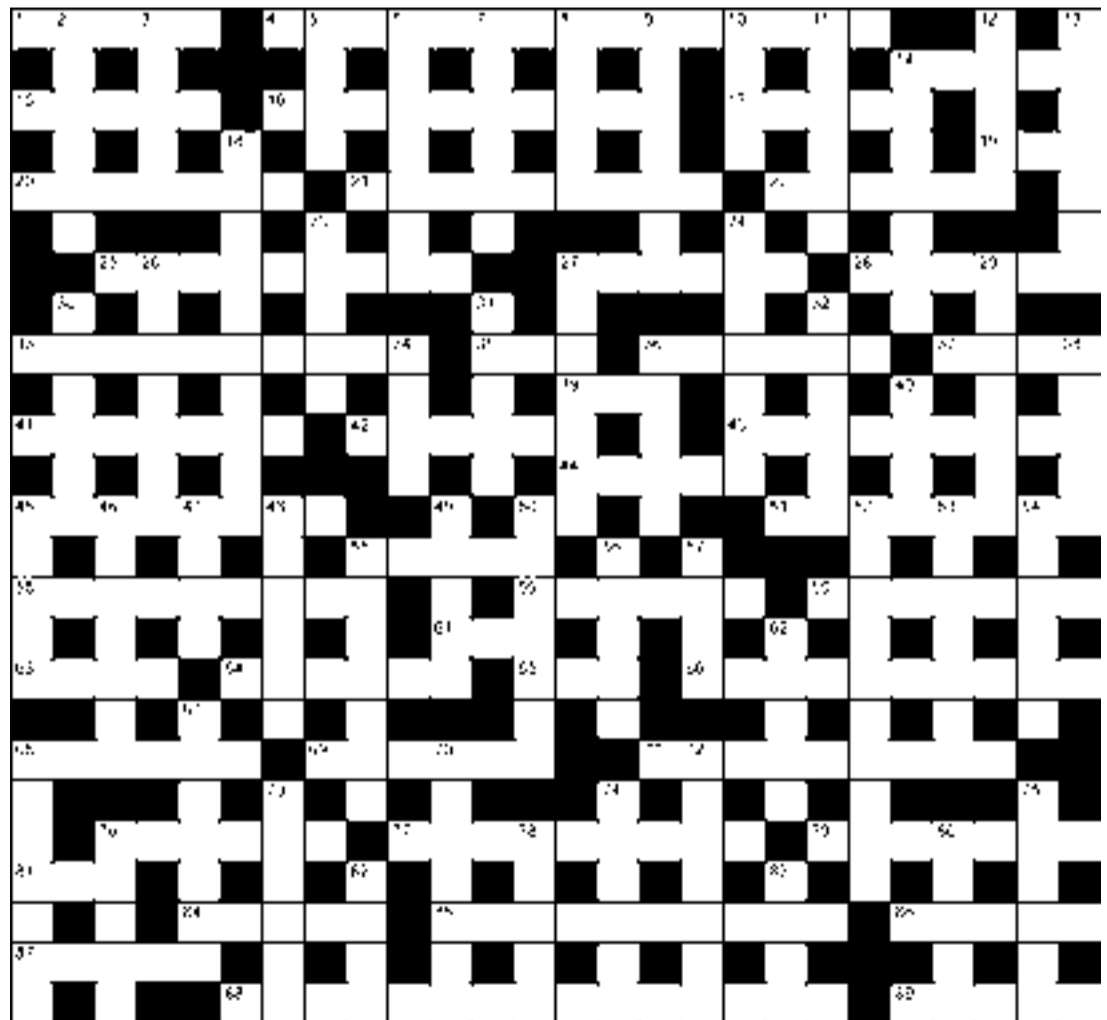
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  - 19 Falsehood (3)
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  - 22 Canadian capital (6)
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  - 27 Athletics throwing event (6)
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  - 35 Ovum (3)
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  - 41 Positive (7)
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  - 68 Dull (6)
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  - 76 Associated (6)
  - 77 Entertainment (9)
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  - 81 Knave (3)
  - 84 Nincompoop (5)
  - 85 Horned animal (10)
  - 86 Hobbles (5)
  - 87 Damages irreparably (5)
  - 88 Malingering (8,3,4)
  - 89 Goes first (5)
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  - 3 Battle (5)
  - 5 Expectantly eager (4)
  - 6 Trade ban (7)
  - 7 Wicker container (6)
  - 8 Lacking experience of life (5)
  - 9 Burrows (7)
  - 10 Ice hockey disc (4)
  - 11 Hole (6)
  - 12 Australian marsupial (5)
  - 13 Unfavourable (7)
  - 14 Enlaced (anag)(7)
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  - 23 Make ready (5)
  - 24 Post-mortem examination (7)
  - 26 Globe's divider (7)
  - 27 Self-respect, pride (7)
  - 29 Have command of (7)
  - 30 Filter (6)
  - 31 Keyed up (5)
  - 32 Thin covering (6)
  - 34 Plummet (4)
  - 36 Fixed gaze (5)
  - 38 Over (5)
  - 40 Hidden drawback (4)
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  - 48 Chocolate pastry (6)
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**Retired vendors require a sale**

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- 508sqm (more or less) pedestrian core zone
- Vendors require a sale due to retirement

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**Paeroa 7 Grey Street**

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