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## 'Bad news' for Nugget

*Waihi's Nugget Multisport Festival has been cancelled again due to ongoing Treaty settlement processes. KELLEY TANTAU reports*



The Nugget Multisport Festival began in 2010, bringing hundreds of participants to Waihi each year. File Photo: SUPPLIED

The popular Nugget Multisport Festival that raises thousands of dollars and brings hundreds of participants to Waihi and Waihi Beach has been cancelled for a second consecutive year due to ongoing Treaty settlement processes. Event organisers told their social media followers on February 19 that they

had "bad news". The post said the festival, scheduled for May 10, 2025, would not be going ahead. "Ongoing Treaty settlement processes over the Orokawa Reserve area that affect our Department of Conservation land access concession renewal have prevented us from securing the neces-

sary approvals for this year's event. "The concession impacts key sections of the Full Nugget, Half Nugget, and 24km run courses. We've been working hard to find a way forward with this, but we've been unsuccessful, and we've also looked at multiple course re-routes, but unfortunately none have provided a

workable solution." The Nugget Multisport Festival began in 2010 and includes five event options: a Full Nugget MultiSport Race of road cycling, kayaking, a trail run, and mountain biking for individuals or teams; a Half Nugget Duathlon; and a 23km

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# Arrests made after aggravated robberies

Police have made an arrest in relation to two aggravated robberies in Tararu, north of Thames, and Kerepēhi recently.

On February 28, Police were alerted to four people entering a commercial premises on Tararu Rd at around 5:10am with their faces covered.

Thames CIB Detective Sergeant Mark Leathem said three of them were armed with a machete, a metal pole and a crowbar.

"The group assaulted an employee and targeted cash and cigarettes, before fleeing the area in a vehicle," he said.

"The employee received minor injuries and is being provided support."

On March 3, four people entered a premises on Kerepēhi Town Rd, where they also had their faces covered and threatened an employee with weapons.

In this instance, the employee was not injured, however they were shaken by the incident and

were provided support.

Detective Sergeant Leathem said they targeted cigarettes, tobacco, and vapes, then fled the scene in a vehicle.

"After making initial enquiries and conducting scene examinations, Waikato East CIB launched an investigation to identify and locate the persons responsible for the incidents," he said.

On March 4, Police executed a series of search warrants in the Thames area, supported by the Waikato Armed Offenders Squad.

As a result, a 17-year-old was arrested and was due to appear in Hamilton Youth Court on March 5.

A 20-year-old man was also located and arrested on unrelated warrants to arrest.

"Police continue to investigate the two aggravated robberies and are working hard to identify and hold those responsible to account," Detective Sergeant Leathem said.

# Nugget cancelled

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10km, or 6km trail run or walk. As a charity event, the festival gives away all its event proceeds each year - usually totaling more than \$12,000 - to local charities and community organisations.

Event director Mark Samson told *The Profile* their understanding was that the Treaty settlement process, with respect to the Orokawa Reserve, wasn't complete yet, and the Department of Conservation (DOC) wasn't able to issue any concessions until it was.

"From our perspective [the cancellation] is obviously not the ideal outcome; however, we have very little understanding of the work that goes on behind the scenes between the various parties involved in a Treaty settlement process," Mark said.

"It's not for us to criticise, we just have to accept that it is what it is. In a perfect world there would be many more Nugget Multisport Festivals in the years ahead."

DOC permissions regulatory delivery manager Stephanie Bowman said the department had a process for granting permissions to use conservation land, prescribed by the Conservation Act.

"When we receive an application, it is assessed against relevant statutory planning documents and legislation. The Conservation Act requires us to give effect to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and to do so we often consult with iwi/hapū/whānau to ensure we have all the relevant information needed.

"Decisions are made based on the effects of the proposed activity," she said, "and the actions the applicant may take to mitigate adverse effects".

"In this instance, the applicant was provided some early feedback on their application and then withdrew from the process. Each Treaty Settlement negotiation is different and can add a layer of complexity to the permissions process and this is dealt with on a case-by-case basis."



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Afternoon: 12:57pm 0.9, 7:15pm 3.1		Afternoon: 1:44pm 0.8, 8:04pm 3.2		Afternoon: 2:27pm 0.7, 8:47pm 3.2		Afternoon: 3:07pm 0.7, 9:26pm 3.3		Afternoon: 3:44pm 0.7, 10:02pm 3.3		Afternoon: 4:20pm 0.7, 10:38pm 3.3		Afternoon: 4:56pm 0.7, 11:13pm 3.2	
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Set: 4:45am, Rise: 6:50pm		Set: 5:48am, Rise: 7:14pm		Full Moon, Set: 6:48am, Rise: 7:36pm		Set: 7:47am, Rise: 7:57pm		Set: 8:45am, Rise: 8:18pm		Set: 9:43am, Rise: 8:41pm		Set: 10:42am, Rise: 9:07pm	

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**TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES**

To determine tide times at the following places, add (+) or subtract (-) the given time difference from the Thames times listed in the calendar.

**PLACE**

PLACE	Hr	HIGH	Min	LOW	Min
Coromandel	-0	04	-0	04	
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	05	
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21	
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Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12	



# ‘Cross of crosses’ in search of new caretaker

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

A community remembrance project is looking for new caretakers in Waihi.

The “Cross of Crosses”, a semi-annual display, has been managed by Waihi Heritage Vision since 2019.

Every two years in the lead-up to Anzac Day, the group has marshalled local schools and community volunteers to arrange nearly 2000 white crosses in a precise grid on the hill beside Waihi’s Cornish Pumphouse.

The crosses were originally part of a 15,200-cross display laid in the Auckland Domain in 2018 to mark the passing of 100 years since Armistice Day, the day World War I officially came to an end. Afterwards, the crosses were distributed to RSAs and other memorial groups across the country, including Waihi Heritage Vision.

Since then, Waihi Heritage Vision has turned its crosses into a dramatic display which intimately involves the children of Waihi in the nation’s wartime history.

“As the World War I thing gets further and further into history, these things do tend to fade, and the idea is to get it there in front of our children here in Waihi,” committee member Peter Beveridge said.

Each cross bears the name of a serviceman or nurse who lost their lives in the war, and the

heritage group has researched a handful of names. When the display goes up, local schools are invited to help put up the crosses and learn about the people they represent.

“The schools actually put the crosses out,” Vicki Beveridge said. “They all get worksheets, and they get taught how to put a poppy on the cenotaph to really own Anzac Day as part of our heritage.”

However, it’s time for younger blood to take on organising the project, Peter and Vicki said.

“It’s not a hard job. We mark the grid out so the kids just have to put [the crosses] in. And that’s where we can’t do it,” Vicki said.

“That’s actually quite a hill to walk up. And we can’t do the bending down as much as we used to.”

Organisation of the project is minimal, Vicki said - with grids, worksheets and other paperwork already sorted, the new volunteers would only need to organise the construction and removal of the display.

“The whole thing is very well organised for people to take over. We need someone to do the emailing, organise the schools, come and collect the crosses and actually be there, putting them up,” Vicki said.

“We have got Oceana on board, they do the GPS points [for the grid].

“We have got the paperwork



ABOVE: The Cross of Crosses display. BELOW: Local students get hands-on with history. Photos: SUPPLIED

done, so they don’t have to create the wheel, but they can fine-tune it to their heart’s content.”

Vicki said for the right person, it would be simple to make it a yearly display.

“It’s such a great place to take your kids for a walk through that time,” she said.

“Ideally, it’d be a lovely project that could go up yearly, but we’re old, so we were being kind to ourselves.”

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# Education

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## Peers supported at Hauraki Plains

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

One thing Hauraki Plains College has set out to do for all year-nine students is equip them with support from senior students.

Deputy Principal Alissa Place, who organises the school's current Peer Support Programme, told *The Profile* the college had a "long tradition" of offering year 13 peer support to year 9 students.

It was a programme created by the late Trevor Benns, which continued in different iterations over the years, she said.

This year, Hauraki Plains year 13 students are engaged in The Peer Support Programme - Te Aka Tautoko Akonga, which offers secondary schools the opportunity to give students who are new to secondary school a structured start, led by senior students who are given leadership training.

"When students feel they belong, they feel the value of being a member of the Hauraki Plains community and can make the most of what the school has to offer," she said.

The deputy principal was also the staff member who supported head student Cayden DeGraff, who is the leader of the peer support students.

"Cayden runs a Peer Support meeting every Friday, ensuring that each year 9 class participates in tasks and activities that foster whanaungatanga [creating a family connection] and a sense of be-



Hauraki Plains College year 13 peer support leaders for 2025.

Photo: SUPPLIED

longing," she said.

One student who valued the initiative was year 13 support leader Rhona McInnes.

The leader said the best part about being involved was creating new connections with younger students.

"It creates a sense of pride and fulfilment... I enjoy being someone that the younger students can look

up to."

The peer support leaders were there to help by being available to talk with year 9 students about things such as friendships, school work or even things they did over the weekend, she said.

"Some ways to help the younger students feel more confident and comfortable in school is to ensure that they know we are always there

for them if they want to talk to us."

Year 9 students Miller Stratford and Jessica Harvey said the initiative made it easier for them to build friendships. One quality both students said they looked for in a good peer support buddy was someone they could relate to.

But the young learners had goals for their Hauraki Plains College learning journeys.

Jessica said she wanted to get good grades and reports so she could get into university.

While Miller said he wanted to be in as many sports teams as possible because "sport is my passion". Another thing Miller said he would like to do when he is a senior is help support year 9 students.

"I aspire to be a peer support leader."

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# Curators curious about carved curios

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

There's a mystery on the shelves at the Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga, and curators are searching for former Pūriri School students for answers.

A recent donation of a Māori doll from the 1960s prompted the museum to dig through its archived artefacts and put together a new display, museum society chair Carolyn McKenzie said.

The doll features traditional garments including a tipare, tāniko, kākahu and piupiu. Its donor, S. Hall, told the museum she remembered receiving it as a gift in 1965, when such items were common tourist souvenirs. A similar doll resides at Te Papa museum in Wellington.

It's not the doll that has museum staff wondering, however, but rather a collection of carvings - Kura Whakairo - displayed alongside it.

The six small carvings, including a waka and four figurines, were donated to the museum in 2017 by Graham Bycroft, former principal of Pūriri School and an avid collector of Māori taonga.

They were crafted by children at Pūriri School in the early 80s, not long after the discovery in nearby Waihōu



The display features a well-preserved Māori doll and a curious collection of figurines and a small carved waka, right, carved by primary school students.

River of a decorative lintel, or pare, dating from the 1830s.

"There was a general upsurge of interest in carving, I guess. And his pupils at that time learned how to carve."

Photos from the early 80s held by Thames Museum show Graham and his students with

the unearthed lintel. The lintel now resides at Auckland Museum.

Thames Museum also has two other children's carvings, Carolyn said: an unfinished piece and a head which is too large for the display cabinet.

All the kura whakairo pieces

are noa - free from the tapu or sacredness which protects ancient carvings or blessed works by master carvers. The museum sought guidance from Craig Solomon from Ngāti Maru to ensure they were appropriately displayed.

"Even though they are not



Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



tapu, we wanted to treat them with respect, like we do with all our artefacts," Carolyn said.

The museum would like to know more about the carvings, Carolyn said, and is keen to hear from anyone who was involved in the carving project.

"[We want to] find out what's happened to the schoolchildren who did this. We're calculating that 40-odd years have gone by, so they'll be in their 50s, maybe, pushing up to 60. It'll probably be their grandchildren at school there now," she said.

"We feel a strong connection with Pūriri because of Graham Bycroft having donated a lot of the taonga that he'd found, and his wife's interest in us creating a Māori gallery. It's a fabulous story."

**DETAILS:** Information about the carvings can be shared by emailing [thamesmuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thamesmuseum@xtra.co.nz) or visiting the museum at 503 Cochrane St, Thames.



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**1909**

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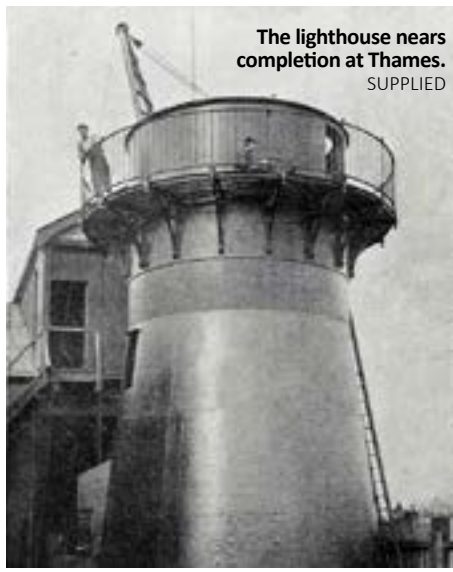
It was not as high as the others but contained new features. The cast iron portion of the lighthouse was 29ft high and the total weight was 40 tons. The entrance porch was of cast iron, this having been found to be better than wood.

It tapered for a portion of the height, and was then vertical, this being a new departure as other structures tapered all the way. There were two compartments reached by wrought iron ladders and polished hand rails. Each segment of the house was cast separately and strongly bolted. More than 3200 large bolts were used to clamp the structure beside many smaller ones.

Outside there was a cast iron grating with wrought iron railing, which formed a splendid balcony encircling the lighthouse. The house would be surmounted by a glass dome with a revolving light flashing three times each minute. The patterns were made by John Judd, from new designs supplied by the government and the work was complete in every detail.

The lighthouse was taken to pieces and forwarded to its destination, being the fourth Thames-made lighthouse to shed its warning gleam on Pacific waters, and light the ocean carriers safely on their way.

Meanwhile at Wharepoa, a second up-to-date milking machine had been installed. The first was that of Mr W Hansen's and the second Mr E Elliot's. Mr Elliot, a progressive supplier of butter



The lighthouse nears completion at Thames. SUPPLIED

fat in the Wharepoa district, was always in the forefront of making things move, while many of the older and larger suppliers were content to stick to the old but fatiguing 'Armstrong patent' – milking by hand. When the new machine was started many spectators were present.

Everything went off at the word go and worked as sweetly as could be, not even a warm bearing through the whole of the machinery.

The cows, unperturbed, yielded spontaneously to the new method. Mr Elliot was more than satisfied with the machine, and reckoned he should have had one long ago, relieving himself and others on his farm of many a weary hour with 'Armstrong's patent'.

Over in Paeroa, a petition to the Railway Department asked that the request of Thames residents for the Saturday night train to leave Thames for Paeroa at half-past nine instead of six o'clock not be granted.

Paeroa residents were indignant at the request, with one saying the idea was downright out and out impudence which would ruin Paeroa tradesmen. He asked the townspeople to "rise as one man in signing the petition against such a scandalous proposal."

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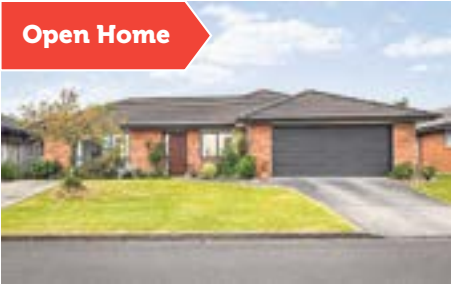
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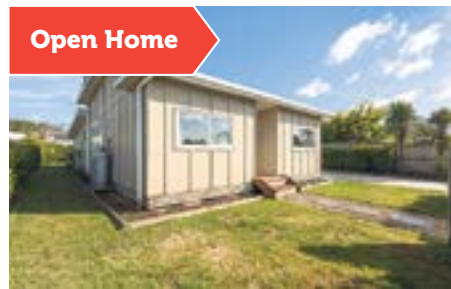


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# Inaugural worship for Thames

For the first time, a special worship day bringing the spirit of Hola Mohalla Sukhmani Sahib Path is coming to the Thames community.

Held this Sunday in the Thames High School hall, the free event is an open invitation to all, organisers said, regardless of background or faith, to join in a day of spiritual reflection, unity, and service.

It will feature a "soul-stirring performance" by Amrita Kaur and her father Yadvinder Singh, filling the atmosphere with Shabad Kiratan (hymns from Holy Book).

The event will conclude with a langar (free community meal) from 1pm.

Organisers from Thames Sangal said this weekend's event marked a significant milestone for the local community, as it was the first time such a

worship gathering had been organised in the area.

"It is a beautiful opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together in a space of peace, devotion, and togetherness.

"We warmly invite you and the wider community of Thames Coromandel, Hauraki districts to join us in this spiritual and cultural celebration."

**DETAILS: Hola Mohalla, hosted by Thames Sangal, this Sunday, March 16 from 9am at Thames High School's hall. As a symbol of respect, all attendees are kindly requested to remove their shoes and cover their heads while inside the worship space. Head coverings (such as scarves or dupattas) will be available at the venue for those who need them. For info or to RSVP, phone Jaspreet Kaur: 021 0295 2879.**

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

- Which fictional character lives in a pineapple under the sea?
- What position was Colin Meads playing when he scored his first international try for the All Blacks?
- What is the name of the fictional wizarding school Harry Potter attends in the series by JK Rowling?
- What is the main ingredient by volume in guacamole?
- Which animal is the largest living species of shark? a) Great White, b) Hammerhead, or c) Whale Shark?
- What is the capital city of Canada?
- Which surname has been the most common in New Zealand since 2020, as measured by surnames at birth? a) Singh, b) Smith, or c) Zhang?

- Tuna is the te reo Māori term for which type of fish?
- Which decade was Elvis Presley born? a) 1930s, b) 1940s, or c) 1950s?
- In February this year, the New York Yankees finally relaxed which rule for players? a) No facial hair b) no left handers, or c) no long hair?



ANSWERS: 1. T. Spongebob SquarePants; 2. Wing; 3. Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry; 4. Avocado; 5. c) Whale Shark. It reaches 18 metres long; 6. Ottawa; 7. a) Singh; 8. Freshwater eels; 9. a) 1930s (1935); 10. b) No facial hair.



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# Rural Life

## Stop the spread of drench resistant 'super worms'



By Steph Reid, BVSc, BSc (Hons)

Drench resistance is increasingly an issue in both sheep and cattle systems.

Identifying and understanding high risk practices is the first step in slowing

the development of resistance on your farm.

Before we had commercial drenches, almost all worms had genes that made them susceptible to drench.

But, with naturally occurring genetic variation, some have genes that make them resistant to certain actives.

Each time we drench we are selecting for these resistance genes (or conversely, think of it as culling out the susceptible worms). With repeated drench use, the proportion of resistant worms on farm increases.

We cannot get rid of parasites on farm, so we need to ensure they are susceptible to the drenches we use. This is called refugia and is an important component to controlling resistance.

We also need to be aware of the stock

classes most at risk of multiplying resistance genes. Youngstock are the most susceptible to parasitism because their immune system has not yet developed to manage parasites.

They can build up high burdens, essentially becoming "worm factories".

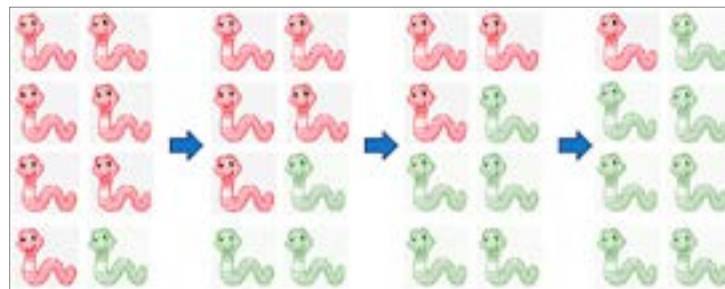
If they are harbouring resistant worms, this will accelerate the development of resistance on your farm.

Because of this, we see drench resistance developing first on farms where youngstock are the predominant stock class, and where these animals rotate around the same paddocks with minimal cross grazing using older animals.

There is still a place for drench in our commercial farm systems. But when drenching is required, we want it to work, so protecting our products is paramount - particularly as there does not look to be new actives hitting the market anytime soon! Routine drenching without knowing infection status, underdosing, and using single actives (or inferior products), will all speed up resistance on your farm.

Contact your local clinic if you would like to sit down with a vet to discuss your parasite management strategy and futureproof your farm.

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## Rural Life

# New velvetleaf infestations a 'wake-up call' for farmers

Three new velvetleaf sites in the North Island, including two in the Waikato, are "a wakeup call for all farmers ahead of crop harvest", authorities say.

The source of the new velvetleaf infestations, which are on dairy farms in Ōtorohanga and south of Auckland, were all traced back to the purchasing of contaminated maize silage or machinery that had been brought on-farm.

Velvetleaf, which is spread by machinery or via contaminated maize, is now found on 108 properties in nine regions of the North Island: including 63 in the Waikato.

North Island Velvetleaf co-ordinator Sally Linton, who is employed on behalf of the North Island regional councils, Auckland Council and the Foundation for Arable Research, said any farmer that harvests or buys crops risks inviting this most invasive pest plant on to their property – to their detriment.

"This is a wakeup call to all farmers that buy in feed, particularly maize silage, or hire contractors to harvest," Sally said.

"Know where your crop feed has come from; expect your contractors to have clean machinery and that they know the properties they worked prior to yours did not have velvetleaf on them."

Sally Linton said the issue was farmers bought maize from all over the country and even internationally, often sight unseen, and contractors who harvest crops often work multiple properties across large areas.

"To be honest, no farmer that crops is free from risk – and that is the message we need to get out. You can't insure against biosecurity risk, but you can be vigilant.

"A velvetleaf incursion will impact your future farm management."



A pest plant officer removes seed heads from velvetleaf at a site. BELOW: Velvetleaf seed heads and flower. Photos: SUPPLIED



Velvetleaf was first found in New Zealand in the early 2000s, with infestations of the cropping weed mostly concentrated around Auckland and Waikato. Overseas, velvetleaf has been reported as causing an up to 70 per cent reduction in crop yields by outcompeting crops for nutrients, space and water.

Landowners are responsible for destroying velvetleaf, which is an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act, and all machinery leaving an infested property must be cleaned.

**DETAILS:** Suspected sightings of velvetleaf should be reported to your regional council or Sally Linton [sally.linton.nz@gmail.com](mailto:sally.linton.nz@gmail.com).

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# Pivot or fall behind

OPINION

By MICHAEL WILKES



By nature, I've always struggled when things don't go the way I imagine them in my head. I used to get stressed, maybe even a bit snappy. But kids, Covid-19, and working with schools have done a solid job of changing that.

It's not uncommon to turn up at a school only to find out there's an event we weren't told about, or something unexpected pops up, and suddenly, we're pivoting on the spot. And the more I've had to adjust, the more I've realised that adaptability isn't just helpful - it's essential.

Life is moving faster than ever. If we don't learn to pivot and keep in step with the season we're in, we'll find ourselves left behind.

Sadly, we've seen this happen with many organisations in recent years - churches shrinking, not-for-profits closing their doors. The old saying goes, "If we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've always got". But that's not entirely true anymore.

Because when the world around us is

changing at breakneck speed, the reality is: If we always do what we've always done, we stay relevant... until we're not.

Now, don't get me wrong - heart and values are timeless. But generations are shifting rapidly, and if we want to keep making an impact, we have to repackage what we do to connect with the world as it is now, not as it was.

That might sound exhausting, but it's not about keeping up with everything. It's about knowing where to place your effort - because whether it's your business, your volunteer work, or your family, the effort you put in directly impacts what comes out.

And if your current effort isn't gaining traction, maybe it's time to pivot. Because I guarantee, if you wait until it's too late - like many who've had to close their doors - you'll wish you'd given it a go and tried something new.

*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@living-well.org.nz to sign up to their quarterly newsletter or to become a supporter.*

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The environmentally friendly septic tank cleaning business has been a household name in the Hauraki-Coromandel for around 50 years, with Ted leading the charge for the past 10 years.

Ted believes people can play their part in helping to care for the environment through tank maintenance.

"Maintenance on the tank is like maintenance of a car... And if you don't do it, well - you have problems."

People can end up with all sorts of things, including soakage line problems, overflowing or smell issues if the tank is not maintained, he said.

A regular service every three to five years should be done as a preventative measure,

rather than waiting until problems occur.

By taking proactive steps, people can keep their systems healthy, avoid costly repairs and help to protect the environment.

It's also important that people take care with what goes down the loo.

A few issues Ted has come across are sanitary products and wipes which are "just a nightmare for blockages".

Harsh chemicals are also bad for tanks because they can disrupt the natural processes that break down waste.

Ted said he was looking at introducing an organic solution called Bio-Zyme to the tank cleaning process, which is a non-toxic and biodegradable New Zealand product.

**DETAILS:** To learn more about how to maintain a healthy septic tank and to book a service, contact Ted at Allens United on 0800 862 720 or 027 442 0067.



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A successful build or renovation requires thoughtful planning.

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## Top tips for your next project

Careful planning and attention to detail are essential when building or renovating any space. Here are key tips to consider.

**Set a realistic budget:** Establish a clear budget that includes costs for materials, labor, permits, and unexpected expenses.

It's easy to underestimate the costs of a project, so be sure to factor in everything from initial planning to completion.

Allocate a contingency fund to prevent financial setbacks.

Unexpected challenges can arise, so having a buffer will give you peace of mind and prevent delays due to budgetary concerns.

**Prioritise functionality:** Aesthetic appeal is important, but functionality should be the focus.

A space may look stunning, but if it doesn't serve its intended purpose, it will ultimately fail to meet your needs.

Ensure the design meets the space's needs by considering storage, traffic flow, and natural lighting.

These practical elements can make a huge difference in how comfortable and efficient the space is to live or work in.

**Choose quality materials:** While high-quality materials might cost more initially, they save money long-term due to durability and reduced maintenance. Choosing the right materials can also impact the overall look and feel of the space, providing a lasting, timeless appeal.

**Work with professionals:** Hiring experienced

contractors, designers, and architects can help prevent costly mistakes and offer expert advice.

Their expertise can streamline the process and ensure that your vision is executed properly. Professionals can also help with compliance to building codes and other legal requirements, which can be time-consuming and tricky for those without experience.

**Consider resale value:** Even if you plan to stay long-term, think about how design choices will affect future resale value.

Renovations that increase the functionality and appeal of the space can attract potential buyers, making your home or property more marketable.

A well-designed, functional space is more likely to attract buyers who appreciate both style and practicality.

**Focus on sustainability:** Opt for energy-efficient systems, eco-friendly materials, and sustainable design elements to reduce your carbon footprint and lower future energy costs. Incorporating green design choices not only benefits the environment but can also save money in the long run through lower utility bills and potential tax incentives.

A successful renovation or build relies on thoughtful planning, quality materials, and professional expertise to create a functional, valuable, and sustainable space.

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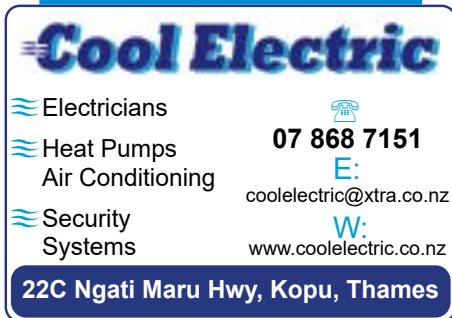
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# 'Chaos' set to return to Thames-Coromandel

## BOXING

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

A sell-out night of boxing is set to return to the Thames-Coromandel next month, with two pro fights and amateurs stepping into the ring to "realise a dream".

Hosted by Never Surrender Boxing Club, Chaos on the Coromandel will again be held inside the Thames Civic Centre on April 12, and spokesperson Andrew Connaughton said it was a great feeling to stand inside the hall and "see people from around our community come together and enjoy an evening of entertainment".

"It is also amazing to see competitors realise a dream, overcome the doubts and fears, and meet the ultimate challenge," he told The Profile.

"To see the elation, the camaraderie between fighters win or lose... It's a bizarre situation when you have two opponents enter the ring for the ultimate test, who after it is all over, spend time talking, hugging, consoling, having a beer, congratulating each other. It is incredible to be part of people's journey, and to see the positive effect these bouts have on people and their lives."

Chaos On The Coromandel has been running for several years, starting back in February, 2014, though it has not been held consecutively.

Andrew said this year, after securing main



Kowhai Roxburgh and Cody McGregor in Chaos on the Coromandel. File Photo: RICHARD HORNEILL

sponsorship from JDC Construction, as well as support from Destination Hauraki Coromandel and the Regional Event Fund, they will be able to put on two pro fights.

"Topping the bill we have our very own - Hauraki's Champion - Francis 'The Punisher' Waitai, defending his NZ Super Middleweight title against Adrian 'The Terrah' Taihai.

"This will be Francis' first defence of his

NZ Super Middleweight title," Andrew said, "and will propel him to compete for the IBO Asia Pacific title in Hamilton as he restarts his journey back up the world rankings."

There will also be a women's super lightweight pro fight between Sheilla Yama and Tricia MacKenzie, as well as amateur and corporate bouts for a total of 20-25 fights on the night.

"Being able to host an event in Thames is

special for our club. Firstly it gives our boxers and competitors the opportunity to compete on home turf," Andrew said.

"Many of our amateurs are youngsters, for example the Killian brothers, who are 14 and 16 years old, so to be at home means their family and school friends get to see them compete and the boxers get to show their skills and hard work."

Andrew also said hosting in Thames provided the organisers to source the lighting crew, sound technicians, caterers, serving staff, poster printers, t-shirt makers, and florists all locally.

Overall, he said Chaos on the Coromandel had the ability to bring people together.

"I have nothing but admiration and a deep respect for anyone that faces the challenge of entering the ring. I beam with pride at every single one of our club competitors. They face the ultimate test," he said.


"I seriously doubt it is an old fart like me that inspires these people, but it is the club, the environment it creates, the brotherhood and sisterhood it creates, the sense of family, the sense that we all have each other's back, the sense that they are not alone in this journey."

"We really do have a great bunch of members, with a very strong bond."

**DETAILS: Chaos On The Coromandel, Thames Civic Centre, April 12 from 7pm. Tickets available via eventfinda.co.nz.**



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Death Notice	Church Notice	Public Notice	Situations Vacant	Situations Vacant
<p><b>BROWN, Lisa Joanne:</b> 11.09.1964 - 27.02.2025 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lisa after a very long battle with MND (ALS). Lisa passed away peacefully on Thursday the 27th February. Aged 60. Best friend and darling of Andrew Champion. Sister of Mark and Peter. Cousin to Robin and Peter. Daughter of the late Jo and Wray Batchelor. A memorial service will be held for Lisa on Saturday the 29th March at 3pm at 118 Herschell Road, Gisborne. Bring your stories and something to throw on the BBQ and some drinks as we celebrate and honour Lisa. Evans Funeral Services Ltd FDANZ www.evansfuneral.co.nz</p>	<p><b>Assembly of God</b> 10am Sundays. Scout Hall. Baker St, Waihi</p>	<p><b>HEI O WHAREKAHO TRUST - AGM THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEI O WHAREKAHO TRUST</b> are pleased to announce the inaugural Annual General Meeting for the adoption of the Trust Deed and the appointment of trustees. The meeting will be held at Ko Te Ra Matiti, 14B Wharekaho Rd, Wharekaho, and online (please contact admin@ngatihei.iwi.nz for details) on <b>Saturday, 29 March 2025, at 11:00 AM.</b> <b>Agenda Summary:</b> 1. Karakia/Mihi 2. Apologies 3. Background HOWT and NHCT 4. Vacancies 5. General Business 6. Karakia Whakamutunga Information to be tabled at the AGM is available in hard copy at Te Rito, 19B Buffalo Beach Road, Whitianga or online at https://www.ngatihei.iwi.nz/hui-a-tau-2025. Additional items may be included in the agenda at the discretion of the trustees. <b>RSVP is required for catering purposes and can be sent to: admin@ngatihei.iwi.nz by Wednesday 26th of March 2025</b></p>	<p><b>Heavy Diesel Mechanic</b> We are a family orientated business based near Thames looking for a Heavy Diesel Mechanic to join our team. This position is to service &amp; maintain a fleet of modern Kenworth &amp; Scania Trucks, along with Company Vehicles. • Must be self motivated, reliable &amp; willing to run a workshop with part time help • \$40 - \$50 per hour based on experience • Hours are flexible to suit • Company Ute &amp; Phone provided <b>Please phone Chris 0210 229 3626 to Apply</b></p>	<p><b>Thames Taxis</b> Driver with Passenger Licence required, please apply to thamestaxis@xtra.co.nz or call 02102952879 to find out more. Morning School run or evenings and weekends work involved</p>
<p><b>In Memoriam</b> <b>HARRIS, Graham Bernard:</b> Peacefully passed away on the 12th March 2024 Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Miss you and love you heaps. Love Barbara and love family.</p>	<p><b>Public Notice</b> <b>Annual General Meeting Paeroa Basketball Assn</b> Monday 24 March 2025 6pm Paeroa College Gym <b>All welcome to attend</b></p>	<p><b>Situation Vacant</b>  Is looking for a new team member. Tasks include mowing, spraying, structure maintenance and general orchard tasks. Ideally looking for someone with an HT License and current Growsafe certificate. Location Katikati. <b>Please contact linda@mmfl.co.nz for further information.</b></p>	<p><b>DRIVER REQUIRED</b> We need a Class 5 Driver for a curtain side truck and trailer. The work is NZ wide loading General Freight. Time away from home is required. Could suit someone not requiring full time work. Late Model equipment. Based here at Kopu. The position is part time/casual however could become full time if all is okay. Experience is required. DG license and a forklift ticket are required. Good money offered for a hard working person. <b>Email cliff491@hotmail.com or text 027 894 8089 a brief description.</b></p>	<p><b>Caretaker / Cleaner Wanted Moanataiari School</b> Moanataiari School is looking for a reliable Caretaker and/or Cleaner to help maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for our tamariki and staff. This role can be combined or split depending on the applicants' skills. <b>Duties may include:</b> • General maintenance and minor repairs • Keeping school grounds tidy and safe • Daily cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, and shared spaces • Ensuring hygiene and safety standards are met • Driving a manual van for school-related tasks • Responding to security alerts when required <b>Ideal Candidate:</b> ✓ Hardworking and proactive ✓ Good attention to detail ✓ Able to work independently ✓ Holds a valid driver's licence ✓ Comfortable working around children, staff and community ✓ Able to pass a police vetting process (organised by the school) ✓ Experience preferred but not essential 📍 Location: Moanataiari School, Thames 🕒 Hours: Negotiable (Full-time or part-time) 💰 Pay: Based on experience and award rates</p>
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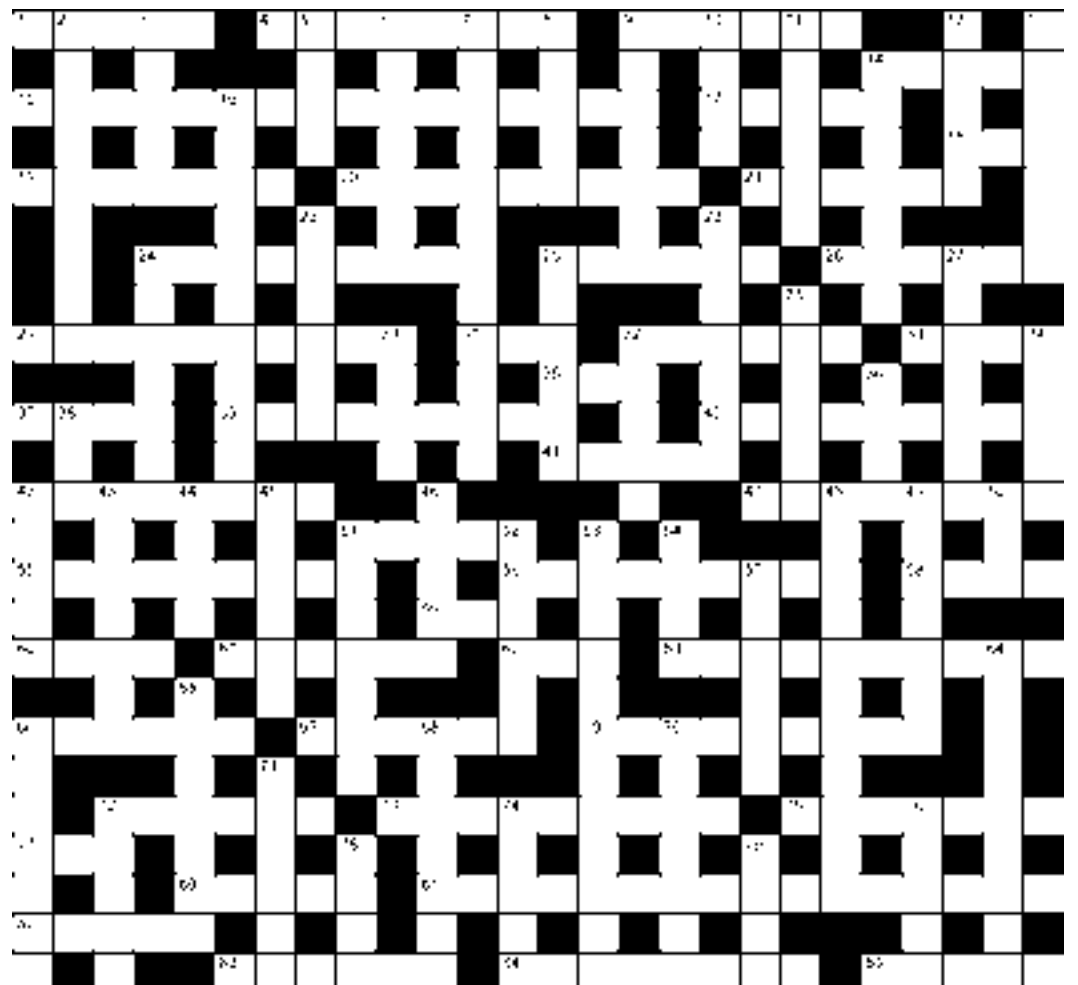
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# JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Enquired about (5)
  - 4 Keeps safe from harm (8)
  - 9 Portray (6)
  - 14 Fixed look (5)
  - 15 In nervous anticipation (2,4,3,7)
  - 17 Scandinavian goblin (5)
  - 18 Dolt (3)
  - 19 Indian relish (7)
  - 20 Watertight (9)
  - 21 Dam-building animal (6)
  - 24 Camera lens (9)
  - 25 Purple antiseptic (6)
  - 26 Copper alloy (6)
  - 29 A sad consul (anag) (10)
  - 31 Treated meat from pig (3)
  - 32 Crew member (6)
  - 33 Look after (4)
  - 35 Large vase (3)
  - 37 Wind instrument (4)
  - 39 Intermediary (2-7)
  - 40 Proprietary rights (9)
  - 41 Attractively small and dainty (5)
  - 42 French lawkeeper (8)
  - 47 Hardened by heating (8)
  - 51 False name (5)
  - 55 Decorative objects (9)
  - 56 Maker's brand (9)
  - 58 Birthday present (4)
  - 59 Twosome (3)
  - 60 Silent (4)
  - 61 Set fire to (6)
  - 62 Auction item (3)
  - 63 Not pertinent to the matter under consideration (10)
  - 66 Meal (6)
  - 67 Gemstone (6)
  - 69 Assembled again after attack (9)
  - 72 Whirlpool (6)
  - 73 Nit-pick (5-4)
  - 75 Obstacle (7)
  - 77 Garland (3)
  - 80 Wire rope (5)
  - 81 Prevaricate (4,5,3,4)
  - 82 Shatter (5)
  - 83 Share dealer (6)
  - 84 Sergeant (anag) (8)
  - 85 Trombone part (5)
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  - 2 Artificial (9)
  - 3 Official proclamation (5)
  - 5 Ladder step (4)
  - 6 Citrus hybrid (7)
  - 7 Close dancing (5,2,5)
  - 8 Of the sun (5)
  - 9 Lack of harmony (7)
  - 10 Feel sorry for (4)
  - 11 Barrel maker (6)
  - 12 Army officer (5)
  - 13 Scent (7)
  - 14 Bondage (7)
  - 16 Sense a threat (5,6)
  - 22 Poise (6)
  - 23 Hearth log stand (7)
  - 24 Drinking vessel (7)
  - 25 Resistant to infection (6)
  - 27 Therein (anag)(7)
  - 28 Rebound (6)
  - 30 Location (4)
  - 32 Powdered tobacco (5)
  - 34 Tricked (5)
  - 36 Swathe (4)
  - 38 Employ (3)
  - 42 Stables employee (5)
  - 43 Incessant (3-4)
  - 44 Weapons (4)
  - 45 Cope (6)
  - 46 Oscar \_\_\_\_\_, dramatist, novelist, poet (5)
  - 48 Attract a great deal of attention (4,1,6)
  - 49 Boffin (7)
  - 50 Pixie (3)
  - 51 Pain-killing drug (7)
  - 52 Taken away illegally (6)
  - 53 Unemotional and practical (6,2,4)
  - 54 At this place (4)
  - 57 Writer (6)
  - 64 Naked (9)
  - 65 Big bird (7)
  - 66 Hermit (7)
  - 68 Bedroom (7)
  - 70 Cableway car (7)
  - 71 Club associate (6)
  - 72 Cleric (5)
  - 74 Rental agreement (5)
  - 76 Insurgent (5)
  - 78 Ship's floor (4)
  - 79 Adult male deer (4)



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DOWN: 2 Mutiny, 3 Lever, 5 Oath, 6 Kittens, 7 Hooked, 8 Osaka, 9 Hayloft, 10 Rice, 11 Afraid, 12 Piece, 13 Steered, 14 Distant, 18 Wholesaler, 23 Anvil, 24 Belgium, 26 Extract, 27 Placebo, 29 Sundial, 30 Potter, 31 Plank, 32 Rescue, 34 Oily, 36 Byron, 38 Edged, 40 Vary, 45 Cabin, 46 Intense, 47 Edam, 48 Idiocy, 49 Piste, 50 Sucrose, 52 Came to bits, 53 Caution, 54 Easter, 55 Antique, 56 Drake, 57 Team, 62 Fixed, 67 Agitate, 68 Putrefy, 70 Bailiff, 72 Artisan, 73 Global, 74 Dry rot, 75 Corpse, 76 Cycle, 78 Catch, 80 Raise, 82 Hoop, 83 Menu.





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# Hauraki skater lands top four spot

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Even though a snapped skateboard was a slight setback, it wasn't enough to stop Lenny Torrens from competing at the 2025 Mangawhai Bowl Bash on February 8.

The Hauraki Plains College year 11 student picked up a new skateboard just in time to drop in on the competition and flex his skills.

Not only was the 14-year-old skater happy he landed all of his tricks - he also pulled off a fourth place position in the under 16 category.

Lenny told *The Profile* he really wanted to make the podium, but wasn't able to practice riding in the bowl all year due to a broken leg, so crammed in his training before the competition.

Alongside his fourth place ranking, Lenny said he got loads of prizes from event organiser Irom Distribution, which included skateboard trucks and ear pods.

The young shredder first got involved in skateboarding when he was eight years old and his local spot, the Pukekohe Skatepark, was built, he said. His riding strategy at the competition was to start with easy tricks and progress to harder ones as the day went on, he said, and his method for keeping mentally focussed was to "stay relaxed".

One thing Lenny said he



Skate prodigy Lenny Torrens lands fourth place at the Mangawhai Bowl Bash.

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would have done differently was to have more of a variety of tricks - but there were a few he was proud of.

One trick in particular was called the rock and roll slide in the deep, which is when the middle of the board slides on the coping, or circular metal pipe that runs across the top edge

of the bowl, and then the front truck is rocked around back into the bowl, he said.

The BS tail slide, or backside tail slide was the next trick Lenny was currently working on.

"You ollie onto a ledge then turn 90 degrees and hit the tail on the ledge and slide it," Lenny said. But the best part about the

competition was being at Mangawhai and skating with everyone, he said.

His passion for the sport was unmistakable. Not only did Lenny love how creative skating could be, he said it also taught him perseverance and consideration toward other people.

The young skater, who said his

biggest skating influences were Simon Thorp, Andrew Morrison and his dad, Simon Torrens, was now working toward the 2025 National Skating Championships this month.

The wheel wizard's advice for younger or new skaters was "don't stress out" and try to have fun.

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