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# LIVING ROUGH

There are homeless people living in tents and under tarps in Thames' Danby Field, 100 metres from a children's playground set for a \$1.5m redevelopment. **KELLEY TANTAU** looks into the effect it's having on the community and talks to the residents who are living rough.

It's 8am on a Monday and the rain has eased.

It's a relief for the tent-dwellers in Danby Field in Thames. When the water comes, so do the rats.

The people there are homeless. They've erected tents and tarps, and find food out of dumpsters. They've been trespassing from the site in the past but by mid-April, up to a dozen had returned, making - what they say is - "the best of a bad situation".

The presence of the displaced is known by local police, by the district council, and by the high school that leases the field from the Ministry of Education.

They know there are people using the school changing sheds and the public toilets in the playground to sleep in.

They know the Thames community has a growing concern, too - heightened by the commune's close proximity to Porritt Park, a playground that has been earmarked for a million-dollar revamp.

"There is a limit to how much we can do," Thames-Coromandel's Mayor Len Salt says.

"But council's not all about wielding a big stick; we want to take a compassionate approach. "If people are in serious need

or in serious trouble, we'd prefer to find a way to help them through that."

There are two people at the campsite when *The Profile*, escorted by local Police, visits the area on April 17. Both are female and are family, and both agreed to speak to *The Profile* anonymously. They each have a dog; one is four-years-old and chases the rats. The other is a puppy - smaller than the rats.

The first woman apologises for the mess.

She says the council has given her rubbish bags but she hasn't used them in a while.

There are a few plastic buckets and a spade scattered about, and a shoe hanging from a branch. A small mouse sneaks across the soil.

She tells *The Profile* that the rodents aren't the only things to watch out for. There are also white-tailed spiders and the stress of the rain.

"Every time it rains, we've got to chuck everything out. All our clothes... it's upsetting," she says.

"The water comes right up past here, through the whares, and our tent leaks like anything."

She found the tent in the trash.

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Homeless people living within the mangroves next to Danby Field have been concerning locals.

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There is a second, smaller tent on the other side of the metal fence - which now has a gaping hole. She says that one is used for "time out".

The woman is a "born and bred" Thames local. Ngāti Maru is her iwi.

She's been living rough for about a year, while others, she says, have been doing it much longer.

Before moving to the campsite, she lived with family and says she hasn't had a rental "for a long time". She'd like one though, one she can afford.

"The rent is too dear around here and housing is pretty hard to get," she says. "If you do get a house, you starve."

But here, within the mangroves, she and the others "get hungry but manage".

Every morning, they head to the Thames Baptist Church and have breakfast. They stay there until midday. On Tuesdays, the church offers a community meal and it also provides them with food parcels.

The church is a big help, she says.

Still, court appearances are a regular thing for some.

"I'm going to court for theft, theft, theft," the woman admits. "Stealing food all the time."

"But I'm pretty lucky because when Pak'nSave dumps all their food, we eat out of the dumpsters."

There is a makeshift access-way that crosses the gully between Danby Field and Goldfields Shopping Centre.

This is one quick way for the tent-dwellers to traipse into



A makeshift bridge connects the campsite to Goldfields Shopping Centre. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

town.

Goldfields manager John Freer has heard of them rifling in the rubbish bins.

He has also been to see the residents, but he tells *The Profile* that he was verbally - and almost physically - abused by a man living at the campsite.

He says there's no easy solution but "something has to happen" to move them along.

"There's been people living there for... it must be more than six months."

"At first, there were one or two and they used to come over to Goldfields and charge their phones and that sort of stuff, but now there's around a dozen in there," he says.

"And you get people walking around the shopping centre

who have got cans of beer in their hands. It's totally unacceptable that right in the heart of town, we have to put up with that."

John says his stores, their staff, and the customers that use Goldfields are feeling intimidated, and so he's contacted council chief executive Aileen Lawrie about the problem.

"We've been very tolerant," he says, "but last week the situation just became unbearable."

According to Thames Police, local officers first became aware of people sleeping rough at Danby Field about two years ago.

At the time, there were two separate camps established and the area had become a bit of a "dumping ground".

The tent tenants were trespassing from the property and were given a reasonable time to vacate with their possessions.

Police also worked together with the Ministry of Social Development [MSD] and assisted the residents into emergency housing.

The community then arranged a clean-up of the entire park, in which two skip bins of general rubbish and one of recycling were collected, and the area was returned to its natural state.

It was during this initial period that Thames Police was receiving "regular reports" of incidents within - or within close proximity of - the camps.

"These calls would usually be related to anti-social behaviours being witnessed by members of the public, such as intoxicated persons, drinking alcohol, arguing, fighting," a local police officer says.

"This is still happening occasionally, but is not as frequent and it usually involves other members of the community not residing at the camp directly but loitering in the area also."

Thames police officers are described by the tent-dwellers as "cool", and the police themselves say they work with an "eyes wide open" approach - looking at incidents through a wide lens and considering all factors contributing to a particular situation.

"For example, when looking at the situation of homelessness, we need to understand why these people are living rough. We know they are often unemployed and often not

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6:59am Best At 10:09am-10:31pm	7:00am Best At 10:52am-11:15pm	7:00am Best At 11:38am	7:01am Best At 12:02am-12:27pm	7:02am Best At 12:53am-1:21pm	7:03am Best At 1:49am-2:19pm	7:04am Best At 2:50am-3:21pm
Set 3:58am Rise 4:13pm	Set 5:00am Rise 4:37pm	Set 6:04am Rise 5:04pm	Full Moon Set 7:12am Rise 5:36pm	Set 8:22am Rise 6:14pm	Set 9:34am Rise 7:02pm	Set 10:43am Rise 7:59pm

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Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	03	-0	05
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12



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receiving the appropriate benefits.

“So, utilising our close partnership with MSD, we now help them through the process,” they say. “Often it’s something as simple as helping them to create a bank account or obtain a birth certificate.”

Police say the homeless often have underlying health conditions, especially mental health struggles and drug or alcohol addictions. They therefore try to involve partnering agencies such as the Manaaki Centre (Thames Mental Health and Counselling service).

One of the women at the tent site just discovered she suffers from ankylosing spondylitis, an inflammatory disease that, over time, can cause some of the bones in the spine to fuse.

She says she’s been getting “massive headaches”, back pain, and numbness in her legs.

“For two, three years I’ve not known what the hell has been wrong,” she says. “I’m in pain a lot, and I do not like the painkillers they give me - they make me too doozy - and I drink. I’m an alcoholic,” she says.

“I’d rather have a beer than the pills.”

The conversation ends when the woman gets a phone call from the radiology department at Thames Hospital. She eventually leaves the site with her dog in tow.

“Some have employment,” Police say.

“I hear reports they are good, reliable, and hard workers who are just struggling to make ends meet and can’t afford or



Rodents and white tails are a common sight for those living in the bush. INSET: A Google Map image of the location of the illegal campsite at the northern end of Danby field.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

obtain housing.”

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development says it straight: until recently, New Zealand hasn’t been building enough houses.

“The lack of new housing development, coupled with a lack of investment in new infrastructure, has meant that housing supply has not kept up with demand. This lack of housing supply has meant house prices and rents have increased.

“As a result, housing has become unaffordable for many

New Zealanders.

“We see deepening inequalities - particularly for Māori, Pacific peoples, and young people - and too many people living in crowded homes, experiencing homelessness, and in need of support.

“Against this backdrop of housing shortages and rising rents, homelessness can also be triggered by a range of other issues and has causes that can include family violence, physical and mental health issues, drug or alcohol addiction issues,

family and relationship breakdowns and not feeling safe at home.”

The ministry publishes quarterly public housing reports and, in its December report, it found that 2528 people were on the public housing register in the Waikato.

Fifty-five applicants were from the Hauraki district, while 79 applicants were from the Thames-Coromandel.

One of the women says she doesn’t want to reside in Thames, that she “wanted out

of here” but circumstances haven’t allowed it.

They say that some of them sleep in the public toilets at Porritt Park when it’s cold because there are heaters inside, and that they’ve broken into one of the changing sheds at Danby Field for shelter.

Thames High School tumauki Michael Hart explains that Danby Field is the property of the Ministry of Education, and that technically, the school leases the land and buildings from the ministry.

The field is rarely used, he says, and is certainly not “a field of first choice”. It’s been utilised only once or twice in the last year because it is low-lying and prone to flooding.

He says the school hasn’t had any run-ins with the tent residents, but they have had rough sleepers occasionally use the school at night.

“We have fortunately not had any direct experience of anti-social behaviour, but we are generally cautious about the presence of people and dogs in the area.

“[Danby Field is] not a space used by the school on a regular basis, so the chances of contact are reduced.”

Mr Hart agrees that sufficient social services and accommodation would be “great” to meet the needs of the Thames community.

In an ideal world, he says, there would be sufficient, good quality accommodation.

But the tent residents have also drawn attention from the community because of their camp’s close proximity to Porritt Park, which will soon be

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# Hauraki to consult on Māori Wards

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

Hauraki District Council will talk to iwi and members of the community to better understand the effects of, and the interest in, establishing Māori Wards.

Māori Wards allow voters on the Māori role to elect a representative to their local council.

They sit alongside general wards and staff said that at the 2022 local elections, six of the 11 regional councils [54.5 per cent] had Māori constituencies while 29 of 76 territorial authorities [43.3 per cent] had Māori wards.

At its meeting on April 26, elected members heard the population of Māori within the Hauraki district was roughly 26 per cent. That could equate to two seats around the table.

Paeroa councillor Carole Daley believed council needed to go through the process "from a new perspective" - but she also pointed to fellow ward councillor Rino Wilkinson, who became Hauraki's first ever Māori councillor following the local elections in 2019.

Carole said Rino polled "really, really well" in the 2022 elections. She would like to see more people "like Rino - that have so much to offer" enter council "just the same as anybody else".

"More should be done to try and encourage people to come in on the ordinary roll," she said.

Rino, of Ngāti Tamaterā, was the second-highest polling candidate for Paeroa in 2022 with 1414 votes. He earned 1368 votes in 2019. He is a radio DJ for Nga



Rino Wilkinson was the second-highest polling candidate for Paeroa in 2022.

File photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Iwi FM and a trustee of Te Pai o Hauraki Marae.

He said a difficult aspect for Māori is getting a single person to represent the entire iwi.

"If you appoint someone and it gets approved, most will not listen to him or her, it's just the way it is."

He said he was friends with Māori Ward councillors around Aotearoa and some had walked away from their role.

"It's just been tough. They've been bombarded by many critics from within their area and it

hasn't gone down well," he said. "If I had a chance of going down the Māori Ward [route], I'd most likely refuse it to be honest with you. I got voted in through this way and that's what I like. If people want to follow my journey, step up here," he said.

To establish Māori wards for the 2025 and 2028 local elections, council needs to make a decision by November, 2023.

There would be preliminary engagement no later than May-July, while the community-wide consultation would run between July

and September.

Council said it was important to reiterate that the decision to establish Māori Wards would not be open for submissions and was not reversible through its representation review process.

When Hauraki District Council last completed a representation review in 2018, it opted not to establish Māori wards but to look for other opportunities to improve engagement with Māori.



# Parades cost \$11k

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

Around \$11,000 was spent by Hauraki District Council for this year's Anzac Day parades, \$3000 more than in 2021.

Figures quoted to the district council showed Waihi's parade cost around \$3375; Ngātea's cost around \$3030, and Paeroa's parade was priced around \$2160.

Including \$1000 worth of traffic management plans, this equalled \$10,999.75. Due to Covid-19, there were no civic parades in the Hauraki district for 2020 and 2022, meaning there was no cost to council. In 2021, however, Paeroa's parade was the most expensive at \$3927. Ngātea's parade cost 2651, while Waihi's parade cost \$1569.

Council told *The Profile* that the increase in costs between 2021 and 2023 was caused by changes to legislation for Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, which came into effect in 2020. This was in regards to health and safety due to accidents at traffic management sites, meaning the requirements for staff needed had increased significantly from previous years, council said.

Prior to 2020, Hauraki District Council could undertake traffic management with its internal staff.

Therefore, the cost for the 2018 Anzac Day parades for all three main town centres was around \$4000. For 2019, council provided a rough estimate of \$3000.



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# Carving for kura

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

A 'heart of the oak' carving symposium has raised around \$8000 for a local kura.

Ngākau O te Rākau Oki was held at Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga Thames South School between April 17 to 23.

The event saw 14 carvers from near and far create 20 carvings from pieces of an historic oak tree that had to be cut down for safety reasons.

Spokesperson Tes Rae said completed carvings had been delivered to the Thames Seagull Centre, Te Whariki o Mana Wahine Hauraki, and Central Kids Kindergarten.

Other sponsored carvings will be completed and sent to Moanataiari School, Twentymans, Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, and A&G

Price, while Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga will keep three carvings in its grounds.

Tes said the event was creatively inspiring. It was so positive that the team behind Ngākau O te Rākau Oki are looking at running another symposium next year.

She said the time frame could be extended to give the artists more time to work on their pieces because the oak - roughly 100-years-old - was "much harder to work with" than expected, with some carvers having to pull out the chainsaws.

There was a well-attended auction at the Rolleston St kura on April 23 and overall, around \$8000 was raised for the school.



Award-winning New Zealand artist Steve Molloy stands next to his piece.

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Trevor Nathan, a full-time sculptor, shows off his transformed oak.



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# Lest we forget

## Anzacs honoured across region

People of all ages came together on Anzac Day last week during a national day of remembrance to commemorate those who served. *Valley Profile* reporters attended five Anzac Day parades and services across the Thames Valley on April 25.



The Kerepehi Brass Band leads the Ngatea Anzac parade.



A flag bearer joins the Waihi service.



Cadet forces join the Thames parade.



Hauraki RSA members march in the Ngatea parade.



Students lay a wreath in Paeroa.



The Thames parade down Pollen St.

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RSA member Nigel Kearins bears the flag in the Paeroa Anzac Day parade.



The walk commences for the Waihi Anzac parade.



Students from Waitakaruru School join the Ngatea parade.



A moment's silence at the Kerepēhi dawn service.



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A wreath is laid at Paeroa.

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Kaihere PTA members say their inaugural hunting fundraiser is open to all hunters young and old. Photo: GORDON PREECE

# Hunting fundraiser locked and loaded

By GORDON PREECE

Eradicating pests and shooting up funds for rural teachers is the aim of the upcoming inaugural Kaihere School hunting competition.

The event, hosted by the rural school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), will load at 5pm on May 12 until final shots on May 14 before the weigh-in at noon at Kaihere School.

PTA member Clare Ward told *The Profile* the event was part of its target to raise \$15,000 each year to keep its two full-time teachers to provide education for the school's 30 pupils.

"We've been funding our teachers and trying to keep our teachers solidly for four to five days a week within the school rather than having to get relief teachers in to cover for those days that aren't funded by the ministry," she said.

"We are short of the required [student] numbers to get funding for an extra teacher, this means the government only funds us for one and a half full time teachers.

"Kaihere School is also a silver enviroschool, so we're likely to pull [the competition] in with the guidelines with DOC to make New Zealand pest free

by 2050."

Clare said the competition was split into five categories, including pests such as possums, rats and stoats for mini hunters, the Big Three, which is deer, duck and pigs, and two separate categories for deer and pigs with subcategories for heaviest deer and pig, best deer head and biggest pig tusks.

"Possums are really bad around this area and rats... I've got a trapping tunnel that we've built and we've been shifting it around to see what sort of rodents are around," she said.

"Wild pigs come in and root up our paddocks, so that's a

problem on farms."

All hunters will take their kill unless they discuss it with the school beforehand, and possums will be plucked and the school will sell the fur to raise extra funds.

Clare said there was no boundary for where hunters and trappers could compete, all competitors shooting must be accompanied by someone with a gun licence and kids taking part in trapping must be accompanied by a guardian aged over 16 years. "We've got the Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association coming in to do all the weigh-ins and support us

with that, and we've had DOC backing us and they've also given us 200 traps and educational material," she said.

There's also a colouring competition for those kids who don't have the means to go hunting and when the weigh-in is on there's going to be sausage sizzles as well."

The grand prizes include: Heaviest Pig, \$500 cash prize and a whole ham; Heaviest Deer, homekill fees valued at \$250 and a \$400 barbecue.

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# Rural Life

## Drop in milk payout forecast

By GORDON PREECE

A recent ruling by Fonterra to cut its forecast milk payout will be “hard to swallow” for farmers already struggling with increasing costs, Federated Farmers says.

The dairy behemoth announced last month it had revised its forecast Farmgate Milk Price range for the 2022-2023 season from \$8.20-\$8.80 per kilogram of milk solids to between \$8-\$8.60. This also reduces the midpoint of the range by 20 cents from \$8.50 to \$8.30 per kilogram of milk solids.

The Farmgate Milk Price determines the amount paid for milk solids by farmer shareholders.

Hauraki-Coromandel Federated Farmers president Robert Craw told *The Profile* the cut would be “hard to swallow” for most dairy farmers who were already battling increased expenses.

“Guys haven’t had a great opportunity to put a reserve in the bank to get them through a major drop in the payout like that so coming forward into this season, I’m picking there is going to be some pretty distressed farmers running very close to the wire,” he said.

“It’s going to impact them quite hard, there’s a lot of people who are struggling with this season’s payout with inflationary costs, fuel is a big cost and the repairs from storm damage on top of that.

“Granted we have had a good growth season for grass, so that’s helped a lot of people out, but it hasn’t equated to money in the bank which is going to be the hard part going forward.”

Mr Craw advised dairy farmers in Hauraki-Coromandel plan ahead this season to alleviate the recent “kick in the guts” for them.

“Get some budgeting advice and consultants’ advice as to how to best minimise your expenses and maximise returns to try and alleviate the pain in the short term until things get back on track and recover,” he said.

“We’re all crossing fingers and hoping this is a short term blip on the radar and that things will turn around pretty quick.”

Fonterra chief executive Miles Hurrell said the two main drivers behind the price change were whole milk powder demand in China not yet returning to expected levels and milk production in the Northern Hemisphere increasing as it headed into its spring flush.

“With these factors weighing on demand, prices have not increased to the levels required to sustain a higher forecast farmgate milk price for this season,” he said.

“We recognise this change has an impact on our farmers’ businesses, at a time when many are facing increasing costs.”

Mr Hurrell said to assist on-farm cash flow, Fonterra had adjusted the advance rate schedule to get cash to farmers earlier.

The advance rate schedule is the proportion of the season’s farmgate milk price paid to farmers each month.

“We have increased the March paid April payment and plan to hold payments at that level until June,” he said.



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# Rural Life

## Govt funding sought for flood protections

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

Waikato Regional Council is seeking millions of dollars in funding from the government for a number of flood protection and climate resilience projects throughout the region.

At a March 30 meeting, a report outlined council's intent to seek up to \$43 million to cover 14 projects across the Waikato. "[The report] is about supporting our existing work programme and projects that are already identified through our long-term planning process," director of integrated catchment management Greg Ryan told the meeting.

"It is about making sure that additional funding is there to help offset those increasing costs that our community is facing."

Included among the bid requests were \$2.8 million for erosion and flood prone rivers, streams and stream mouths in Coromandel river catchments; \$1.1 million for Pipiroa stop-bank piping failure repairs; \$580,000 for work on the Ngatea stopbank; \$3 million

for sediment trap digs in the Firth of Thames/Waihou River; \$1.8 million for Thames Valley diversion channel planting and maintenance programme; and \$540,000 for work on the pump station infrastructure at Mangatawhiri.

The projects were chosen based on the need to "urgent[ly] respond to the increased frequency and magnitude of climate-change-influenced riverine flood events," the report said.

"Council has been working with central government for a number of years to gain support for sustained government investment in the renewal of aging flood protection infrastructure, along with investment in new flood risk management initiatives that will help communities to be more resilient to the effects of climate change."

The identified projects are already part of council's current works programme, and as such they currently have funding allocated from rates. However, with the government's call for "shovel-ready" climate resilience projects following Covid-19 in 2020, and the council's

previous success at gaining additional funding, the council has agreed to bid for government co-investment.

"We are being as active as we can in terms of highlighting that it's not just the hard infrastructure, and particularly when it comes to our flood schemes," Mr Ryan said.

"It is also about the damage that has been sustained to our catchments and the opportunity to remediate that in order to support a healthier and more sustainable catchment."

In 2020, the council received funding of \$18 million for projects aimed at managing flood risk and improving community resilience to climate change.

If the current bid is successful, the funds received will offset council funding requirements.

The outcome of this funding bid is expected to be known in May when the government makes its budget announcements. The council report states it expects recent flood events across the North Island will lift the profile of its application.



## SH25A fix 'too long'

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

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson has condemned the lack of a decision to repair State Highway 25A.

"It has been three months since the Kōpū-Hīkuai highway closed, but we still have no idea when the road will be reopened. People have been patient, but the lack of decision, let alone a start on the work to get the road reopened is deeply concerning," Mr Simpson said.

"NZTA are meant to be making an announcement about SH25A in May, but three months has been far too long to wait and is indicative of the lack of urgency to fix SH25A."

Mr Simpson said local residents were frustrated and angry.

"Our communities are resilient, but I have spoken to many businesses who are at their breaking point."

"Everyone is suffering and we desperately need some positive action. Any solution that does not get the Kōpū-Hīkuai reopened by Christmas simply is not good enough, because the prospect of a fourth devastating summer for our region is too awful to contemplate."

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency said an announcement was "imminent". "[We] agree that the work to repair SH25A is a high priority," acting regional manager of infrastructure delivery Jason Harrison said.

"Waka Kotahi is focused on restoring vital access to the Coromandel as soon as possible. Beyond the initial emergency response, our focus also includes

long-term solutions so that SH25 and SH25A remain resilient.

"We acknowledge that Coromandel residents, businesses and visitors are very concerned about how long it will take to rebuild SH25A. While SH25A is closed, Waka Kotahi is acutely aware of the sacrifices locals, businesses and communities are having to make."

Waka Kotahi will confirm their preferred roading fix in May, and is considering three options.

A bridge across the slip site is considered the fastest option. A steel bridge with precast deck elements, lightweight long beams and fewer piles would save time over a bridge with concrete beams, NZTA said. A bypass option would require a new section of road around the slip site, however, geotechnical information showed a bypass to the north would need substantial digging out. Likewise, moving the bypass closer to the slip face would require rebuilding an embankment, filling the slip below and removing the old slip material, a challenging task during winter weather. There were also concerns over where to place the removed fill. The third option, a retaining wall, would require the rebuilding of the embankment where the road slipped away. Soil testing was undertaken on April 17 to see whether the ground conditions would make this a viable option.

Waka Kotahi said expediting delivery would be a considerable factor in deciding the preferred option.



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# Water race system collapses



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

## 1944

A disturbing earth movement in the Kauaeranga Valley section of the Thames water race led to the collapse of over 600ft of the race system.

The town was now dependent on a temporary supply from Mangakirikiri, and would be for some time. The water supply was reduced by half, the use of hoses prohibited, and residents urged to make voluntary restrictions as an alternative to the turning off of the valves for a period each day. Great care had to be taken in the interests of health and to provide adequate water for fire-fighting. The borough engineer described the situation as critical.

### BLACKBERRY STANDOFF

A kindly land owner at Paeroa had refused to cut the blackberry on his property during the war so as not to deprive residents of fruit in a time of scarcity. He replied to the Paeroa Borough Council, which had written asking him to have all noxious weeds controlled, that there were only a few blackberries



Looking up Waiotahi Creek, Thames.

Photo: SUPPLIED

growing on the roadside near the property. When war broke out he had arranged with a firm of contractors to bulldoze them, but as there was a great shortage of fruit due to the dry season and the government's control of the pip-fruit industry; and to ensure that people would at least get some jam, he decided to leave them there. The blackberries also provided a shelter belt for the cows that supplied Paeroa with milk. He would have the weeds cut down now that the borough council had discovered them and inquired if he would see some of their employees in the near future. He signed off "Please forget about the blackberries —I won't." Laughter greeted the reading of the letter.

### HOUSEKEEPER SHORTAGE

The need for housekeepers for farms was on the agenda at the Tauranga Primary Production Council. A deputation from the Women's Division of the Farmer's Union stated that a scheme had been in operation for many years where housekeepers had been provided temporarily to country homes needing assistance because of sickness or oth-

er causes. War work and essential duties had now taken all the housekeepers, and the situation was acute, causing cases of serious hardship. The Waihi district was in dire straits.

Formerly a housekeeper had been obtainable from Ngātea but no one had been available for some months past. Members of the WDFU and neighbours were called on to help often at extreme inconvenience and self-sacrifice.

### HORSE BREAKS LAW

Barney, the Waihi Borough horse, broke the law when he ended up on the wrong side of the fence. Barney had a spirit of independence that urged him to seek green fields and pastures new; but his enterprise was curbed by the alert pound keeper, Mr Weeks, who took Barney into custody. Barney, when asked to comment on the incident, would say neither yea nor neigh. It was understood that this was Barney's third conviction. Mr Weeks, in one month, impounded four cows, two horses, eight calves and one goat. The council described Mr Weeks as the best pound keeper they had ever had.



Cosmo is the last of his siblings to be adopted from the SPCA.

## 5 months in SPCA for Cosmo

### PET PROFILE

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

A "very gentle" dog who was dumped in Thames in December is the last of his brothers and sisters to be adopted.

Cosmo was taken in by the Thames SPCA on December 14 after being found dumped as a newborn pup at the Bird Hide on Brown St.

The mix-breed pup had six other brothers and sisters who all found homes, but he is still patiently waiting for his turn, Thames SPCA centre attendant Brent Thomas told *The Profile*.

"Cosmo and all his siblings spent a lot of time with one of our staff members' children. Because of this, he is wonderfully playful and very gentle with children," he said.

"Like most puppies, he loves to play with other dogs and toys."

Cosmo has had a thorough health check; he's desexed, microchipped; and his vaccinations, worming, and flea treatment is up to date.

Brent and his team have received feedback from the people who have adopted Cosmo's brothers and sisters and they said the dogs have made for "the most wonderful and loyal pets".

"We truly believe Cosmo would be the same, and we really can't understand why he hasn't been snapped up yet. Cosmo loves children and he's very gentle with them," he said.

"Cosmo had a rough start in life and we want to be able to give him the happy ending he deserves."



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# SPORTS

## A good catch

Thames High School and Waihi College played ball in Waihi on April 6 for the Thames Valley Secondary School softball championships. Each player aimed to be pitch perfect and knock the ball out of the park. Reporter **GORDON PREECE** headed along to catch the action.



Waihi College year 13 student Daniel Oliver was pitch perfect.



Thames High School year 11 student Troy Costello slings the ball.

Photos: GORDON PREECE



Thames High School year 11 student Chloe Paynter prepares to swing.



Waihi College year 11 student Luke Butler keeps his focus.



THS student TJ Judd batters up.



Waihi College student Joseph Frew.

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# Firefighters set for fierce climb

By GORDON PREECE

A Turua firefighting duo will ascend the tallest building in the southern hemisphere later this month for a flaming good cause.

The annual Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge attracts hundreds of New Zealand firefighters to race to the top of the 328m Auckland Sky Tower carrying 25kg of gear and raise funds and awareness for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC).

Hannah Thorburn and Stacey Frow, who have volunteered at Turua Volunteer Fire Brigade for a combined eight and a half years, told *The Profile* it would be their second year attempting to conquer the fierce climb.

The duo, along with Wayne Thorburn, were the first team from the Turua brigade to compete in the challenge last year.

"It's pretty cool for a small community to be able to do something like that, especially when you get to the Sky Tower Challenge itself and you've got all these permanent firefighters rather than volunteers," Hannah said.

"They've been training hard-core for seven days a week and then you beat them and then you're like, 'yeah, little town Turua can do stuff'."

Stacey said in addition to her and Hannah climbing the Sky Tower's 51 flights of stairs, for the challenge on May 20, she would also compete in the Firefighter of Steel category.



Hannah Thorburn, left, and Stacey Frow will race up the Auckland Sky Tower to raise funds and awareness for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand on May 20.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

The category involves climbing an additional 10 flights and carrying a heavier cylinder.

"If I can make it in the same time and go up the extra 10 floors it would be good for me," she said.

"I would never have possibly thought about doing that but then last year I also did the 9/11 memorial walk up the Sky Tower and that goes to 61 floors, so I thought if I could do it then, I should be able to do it now."

Stacey said she and Hannah

had trained for the event since November last year, which included scaling Jacob's Ladder in Thames wearing their full firefighting kit.

The duo also planned to wear tutus for the challenge again this year, hence their team name: Turua Tutus Team.

"Last year we were waiting to do our walk and we noticed before the climb there's actually a lot of teams dressed up, so the whole team in kilts and things like that," she said.

"So we thought let's go and grab some tutus just to brighten it up."

Stacey said the team had raised around \$400 for the charity this year and hoped to raise a minimum of \$1500.

Stacey said the Turua brigade was also seeking more volunteers. "We would really love people if they want to help out the community to pop into a training night on a Wednesday at 7pm and see what we're all about," she said.

## Living rough

CONTINUED FROM P3

the site of a \$1.5m Destination Playground.

Last year, the district council threw its support behind the project.

Where the current playground now sits, there will soon be a revamped space for all ages, as well as a Changing Places toilet facility for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets.

It's all thanks to an anonymous philanthropic donation of up to \$1.5 million.

Thames Police say it's not ideal for the anti-social behaviours sometimes shown by the tent residents to be witnessed by local children, and Mayor Len Salt agrees.

"It is an issue because we need to be reassured that if we're going to encourage people - especially young people and children - to come and enjoy the playground and use the facilities, that they can do so safely.

"If there's anything around that area that might put people at risk, then the council has a responsibility to address that. We would want to do so in a firm and fair way," he says.

"We'd start by talking to the agencies: Police, Ministry of Social Development, and we would get their guidance and ask them for assistance."

He also said the situation at Danby Field would be included in development conversations going forward.



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# Health & Wellbeing

## Hauraki to think pink

By GORDON PREECE

A trio of Hauraki events are planned to take place this month to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.

The charity said breast cancer was the most common cancer for New Zealand women, and around 300 women in the Waikato region were diagnosed each year.

Lyn McHugh, who will host the first line of fundraising events for Hauraki at Paeroa's former racecourse on May 17, told *The Profile* she hoped to raise more than \$1000 like the past two luncheons had done.

"[Breast cancer is] something that just about structures around most families... I know so many people who have it and [fundraising is] just something that is so worthwhile doing," she said.

"It's helping to raise the funds for [the foundation's] education and for the research and more importantly the patient support and the support that's given to the families during treatment and recovery.

"This will be our third one, we've raised around \$1200 in the last two so I'm hoping to do the same again."

Lyn encouraged those who



Three Pink Ribbon events are planned throughout the Hauraki district next month.

File Photo: GORDON PREECE

wished to attend to book in advance as there would be a limited number of walk-ins allowed.

A second Pink Ribbon luncheon with entertainment, raffles and activities is also planned to take place at Paeroa RSA on May 20.

The event, where bookings are essential for catering purposes, will be hosted by the female members of the RSA and Mel's Catering Paeroa, with all proceeds from the raffles being donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

A third Pink Ribbon lunch-

eon is planned to take place on May 25 at St Paschal's Catholic Church in Ngātea.

**DETAILS: Pink Ribbon luncheon at Paeroa's Old Racecourse, May 17, 11am to 1:30pm, \$10 per person, contact 027 681 8610 to book a table.**

**Pink Ribbon luncheon at Paeroa RSA, May 20, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, \$10 per person, contact mc-paeroa@gmail.com or 021 759 546 to book.**

**Pink Ribbon luncheon at St Paschal's Catholic Church in Ngātea, May 25, 11:30am, \$10 donation (or what you can afford), contact 021 268 1472 for enquiries.**

## Ganesh's Pink Ribbon pancakes

### RECIPE

Celebrity foodie Ganesh Raj is asking Waikato locals to show their support for Kiwis affected by breast cancer this May by hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast, Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's largest annual fundraiser.

The co-host of TVNZ's *Eat Well for Less* has created a mouth-watering new recipe for Pink Ribbon Breakfast - Raspberry Ricotta Pancakes with Raspberry Compote - to show his support for the cause and entice more hosts to sign up. Ganesh says he is inspired by the improving survival rates of breast cancer in New Zealand thanks to early detection and access to effective treatment, but more still needed to be done.

### INGREDIENTS

Ingredients for pancakes:

- 2 cups flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1½ cups milk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh raspberries (rough chop)
- 4 eggs

Ingredients for raspberry compote:

- 2 cups frozen raspberries
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- ½ cup water

Toppings:

- 2 cups fresh strawberries (sliced)
- Maple syrup
- Mascarpone (a dollop if you want)

### METHOD

Mix the flour, baking powder, salt,



and sugar in a big bowl. The ricotta cheese, milk, eggs, and vanilla essence should all be thoroughly blended in a separate basin.

Just combine the dry components with the addition of the wet ingredients. Avoid overmixing. Add the raspberries, chopped, in a gentle fold. A non-stick pan should be heated over a medium heat. Use cooking spray or a little butter on the pan. For each pancake, pour roughly ¼ cup of batter into the griddle. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until surface bubbles develop. When golden brown, flip the food over and cook for an additional 1-2 minutes. Continue until all the batter is done.

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the raspberries, sugar, lemon juice, and water to make the raspberry compote. Cook for 5-7 minutes, or until the mixture has thickened, after bringing to a simmer. Along with the compote of raspberries, serve with some thinly sliced strawberries, and maple syrup. Mascarpone it for next level good times!

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## In Brief

### SUNDAY CONCERT

Thames Music Group's next Sunday concert features New Zealand pianist Katherine Austin together with cellist Hyein Kim at St George's Church on May 7 at 2pm. Hyein Kim was born in 1999 in Seoul, South Korea and moved to Christchurch in 2007. At 13, he was awarded first prize at the International Padova Competition in Italy. He has been awarded first prize in the Gisborne International Music Competition and second prize in the 2021 National Concerto Competition. In 2017, Hyein won the New Zealand Secondary Chamber Music Competition with his Yerevan Trio from Hillcrest High School, he was awarded the Most Promising Cello prize at the inaugural Wallace International Cello competition as well as being selected as second prize in the 50th National Concerto Competition and received a wonderful opportunity to play with the NZSO. Pianist Katherine Austin has been head of Piano Studies at the University of Waikato for 21 years. She performs regularly around New Zealand and overseas, touring frequently for Chamber Music New Zealand, and broadcasting regularly on Radio New Zealand Concert. Tickets: \$20 cash at the door, TMG Members \$15.

### WEATHER STATION REMOVED

MetService's Paeroa weather station, previously located at the Paeroa Racecourse, has been removed. Due to redevelopment works at the site, MetService said it was no longer a suitable location for the equipment. MetService has confirmed it no longer has a weather station in the area, and it has instead been given access to Fire and Emergency NZ's Paeroa weather station data.

## Annual tennis champs held

Thames Tennis Club held its annual club champs on Sunday, April 16 in perfect autumn conditions. There were some closely-fought finals with all games cheered on by a great crowd of supporters.

The over 65s section was a popular event. The men's doubles final was taken out in the end by the strong pairing of Pete McGaffin and Noel Coxhead. The mixed doubles was won by Paul Heffernan (Heff) and Kay Rickman. A new men's singles champ was found in the form of Roger Cook who wore down his opponent with some steady play. The men's doubles final was taken out by Barry McGaffin and Jon Ballantyne in a closely contested three-setter.

The women's final was convincingly won yet again by Maree Jamieson and the mixed doubles was won by Gary and Maree Jamieson.

**DETAILS: To join up or have a go, email Thames Tennis Club via www.thamestennisclub.com.**

- Thames Tennis Club



Barry McGaffin and Jon Ballantyne.



Maree Jamieson and Gary Jamieson. BELOW: Kay Rickman, Paul Heffernan; Pete McGaffin and Noel Coxhead.



Dawn Finch's winning shot. BELOW: Peter Neil congratulates Dawn Finch on her win. Photos: SUPPLIED

## Strong competition for trophy

It is not often that the Thames Croquet Club members play singles, but on April 13, a dozen players in two sections competed for the Day Trophy.

The five courts, at 101 Beach Rd, were dotted with players smartly dressed in the club's colours of white and red as they each played five handicap games over the course of the day. The competition was strong, and games were close.

In the first section, the runner up was Annie Adams, who won four games, and the winner was Dawn Finch with five wins.

In the alternate section, the runner up was Maggie McEwing, who also won four games and the winner was Peter Neil.

On Monday, April 17, keenly watched by other club members, the winners of each section had a play-off, playing the best of three games. It was an exciting game, with more than



one 'hoop in one', some spectacular 'jump shots', and long distance roquet (deflection) shots. In the first game, Peter Neil won 7/5. Both the second and third games went to a tie breaker with Dawn Finch winning each at 7/6 and becoming the holder of the Golf Croquet handicap singles Day Trophy 2023.

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Sat May 6th

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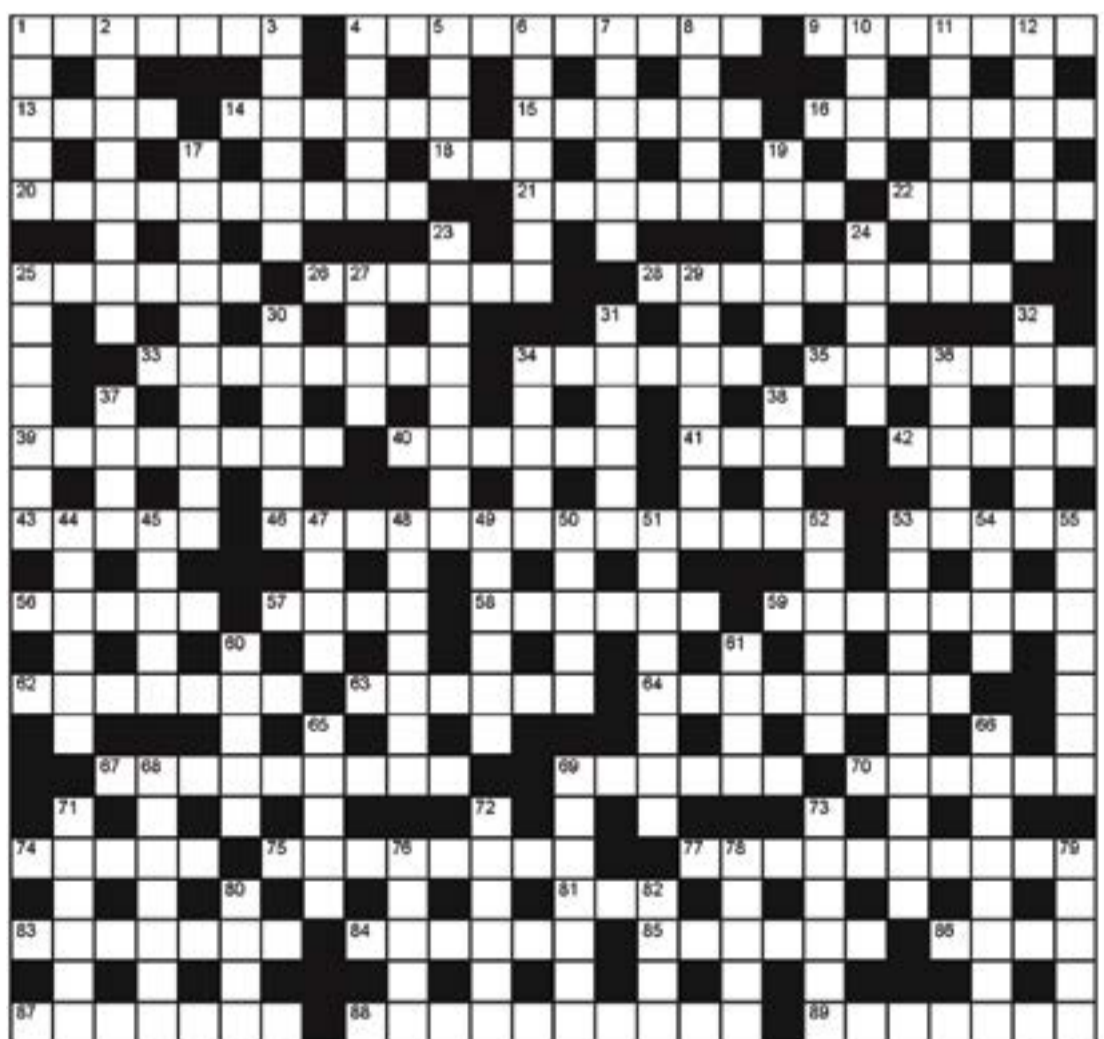
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  - 22 Circumference (5)
  - 25 Underhand (6)
  - 26 Wheedle (6)
  - 28 Roast lamb condiment (4,5)
  - 33 Singing voice (8)
  - 34 Freewheels (6)
  - 35 Small axe (7)
  - 39 Small piece broken off (8)
  - 40 Bring to mind (6)
  - 41 Drink made from honey (4)
  - 42 Damp (5)
  - 43 Find out (5)
  - 46 Admire disproportionately (3,2,1,8)
  - 53 Loaf out (5)
  - 56 Examine (5)
  - 57 Remaining (4)
  - 58 Alehouse (6)
  - 59 Reckless mischievous adventure (8)
  - 62 Pried (7)
  - 63 Subtle distinction (6)
  - 64 Half-time (8)
  - 67 Began again (9)
  - 69 Motif (6)
  - 70 Standing posture (6)
  - 74 Bow-legged (5)
  - 75 Telescope (8)
  - 77 Brotherhood (10)
  - 81 Lip (3)
  - 83 The meantime (7)
  - 84 Blanket-like cloak (6)
  - 85 Arrival (6)
  - 86 Long soft seat (4)
  - 87 Bishop's hooked staff (7)
  - 88 Small village (10)
  - 89 Uppermost (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Inundate (5)
  - 2 Acquired temporarily (8)
  - 3 Worldwide (6)
  - 4 Inspid (5)
  - 5 Catch sight of (4)
  - 6 Non-attendance (7)
  - 7 Continent (6)
  - 8 Of small and delicate build (5)
  - 10 Wander (4)
  - 11 Of the heart (7)
  - 12 Detective (6)
  - 17 Board game (10)
  - 19 Vacate (5)
  - 23 Predicted (8)
  - 24 Navigation device (5)
  - 25 Adept (7)
  - 27 Eagerly expectant (4)
  - 29 Narrow connecting land (7)
  - 30 Abduct (6)
  - 31 Song (6)
  - 32 Official count (6)
  - 34 Muscle seizure (5)
  - 36 Singing group (5)
  - 37 Molten rock from volcano (4)
  - 38 Gay festivity (4)
  - 44 Make longer (6)
  - 45 Communication device (5)
  - 47 Not new (4)
  - 48 Silhouette (7)
  - 49 Song of loyalty (6)
  - 50 Messenger (5)
  - 51 First (8)
  - 52 Shine (6)
  - 53 Persons in a novel, play (10)
  - 54 US state (4)
  - 55 Thick sweet liquid (7)
  - 60 Trivial (5)
  - 61 Male deer (4)
  - 65 Burial chamber (5)
  - 66 Counterpoison (8)
  - 68 Perpetual (7)
  - 69 Undress (7)
  - 71 Long flag (6)
  - 72 Team's lucky charm (6)
  - 73 Foul smell (6)
  - 76 Garden figure (5)
  - 78 Metal fastener (5)
  - 79 Leavening (5)
  - 80 Heap (4)
  - 82 Labyrinth (4)



**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

**ACROSS:** 1 Get away with murder, 10 Trisects, 15 Blouse, 16 Photograph, 17 Schedule, 19 Vinegar, 21 Solid, 22 Vocalists, 25 Foolhardy, 27 Curious, 29 Scenic, 33 Cross, 34 Trespass, 36 Accelerate, 39 Urn, 41 Journey, 42 Blazer, 43 Idiocy, 44 Ogre, 45 Ascends, 48 Enticement, 53 Liberty, 57 Aunt, 58 Squall, 59 Estate, 60 Foghorn, 62 Elk, 64 Heightened, 65 Harmless, 66 Ebony, 69 Excite, 70 Absolve, 71 Retaliate, 76 Selection, 77 Tabby, 78 Clothes, 83 Yearbook, 84 Family tree, 85 Manual, 86 Detoxify, 87 Not for love or money.

**DOWN:** 2 Eclair, 3 Amuse, 4 Ace, 5 Wept, 6 Twofold, 7 Myopia, 8 Rare, 9 Euphoria, 11 Recoil, 12 Spectacles, 13 Clue, 14 Shellac, 18 Manuscript, 20 Ally, 23 Cairn, 24 Enlarger, 26 Observe, 28 Upsurge, 30 Errors, 31 Banzai, 32 Pencil, 35 Salon, 37 Enemy, 38 Weld, 40 Nile, 45 Awash, 46 Convince, 47 Sequel, 48 Exacerbate, 49 Tile, 50 Chekhov, 51 Mature, 52 Natal, 54 Idol, 55 Exhibit, 56 Throng, 61 Chatterbox, 63 Usual, 67 Colorado, 68 Sill, 69 Enjoyed, 72 Embargo, 73 Set off, 74 Lawyer, 75 Debate, 79 Tango, 80 Oast, 81 Tiff, 82 Cede, 85 Mar.



## SPORTS

# Puriri golfer on fairway to America

By GORDON PREECE

A drive to become an engineer and professional golfer prompted Ryan Courtney to tee up his tertiary education in a place John Denver described as “almost heaven”.

The 18-year-old Puriri golfer told *The Profile* he received a scholarship for Wheeling University in West Virginia in the United States, and planned to travel there in late July, as it trundled a “really nice” course for both golf and engineering science.

“It looks like a really nice school, it’s also got some very nice climate in terms of studying,” he said.

“In terms of golf, the coach is very experienced and he’s bringing in a lot of freshmen in my year, so it looks like it’s going to be quite a young team that’s going to grow a lot over the years.

“I hope to get a degree in engineering science but also improve my golf in the hopes of turning pro in the States.”

Ryan said he would get into the swing of things at the Wheeling campus in August and planned to study and compete in golf for four years.

“I’ve always liked the sciences and I’ve always liked building and creating and designing, so



Ryan Courtney said the USA would pave his way to become a professional golfer.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

that pretty much nails it together into engineering,” he said.

“[My parents and I] are also doing a trip before the actual school starts to have a look

through the States.”

Ryan, who attended Hauraki Plains College followed by St Peter’s School in Cambridge for his final year in 2022, said he

began competing in golf in 2019 when he followed in the footsteps of his father, Clark Courtney.

“Dad’s always been a golfer

and he’s the main green keeper [at Paeroa Golf Course]. I stopped playing soccer so I needed to pick up a sport and gave golf a try, and pretty much fell in love with it,” he said.

Last year in the New Zealand Secondary School Championships, Ryan helped St Peter’s golf team place second, shooting one over par through two rounds. He also placed second in the junior Kaimai Classic held on April 20-21, shooting rounds of 72 to 69 to finish three under par and came second by a shot.

Ryan said he was also a club champion at Paeroa Golf Club.

A team of four Ambrose 18-hole golf tournament to chip in funds for Ryan will be held at Paeroa Golf Club on May 28, with a shotgun start at 10am.

“I’m very happy with everything that’s being planned for it, it looks like it’s going to be a really great day and a lot of money is going to be raised, and we’ve got some great sponsors,” he said.

“I’m hoping to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000, that will cover the majority of the costs for the trip.

“We’re looking to get as many people out playing as possible and we’re trying to make the day as fun as possible for everybody.”

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