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## Drug use, intoxication 'getting worse'

For the month of March, 395 people utilised the open door policy of Thames Baptist Church, but their presence is causing concern among workers in the CBD. As part of an ongoing series about the impact of living rough in Thames, KELLEY TANTAU seeks out what support is offered.

**T**hey call it the '305'. It's a safe place to get free food and hot drinks, to shelter from the rain or the wind, and for some people, have a semblance of a home. It's known by the three numbers for its location along Mary St - The Thames Baptist Church and its adjoining food bank - and the past two months have seen more than 730 visits by people in need. Not all are homeless. Some are hungry, while others seek security. But due to the location of the 305 - in central Thames - concerns have been raised on social media about the "aggression and intimidation" that spills out of the Baptist Church and into public areas such as Pollen St, The Vibe, and Goldfields Shopping Centre. People said they have also witnessed "almost daily" intoxication and drug use. "Our customers get abused, they get sworn at... while sitting in their cars, people come and ask them for money and intimi-

date and scare them," one worker said. "Sometimes they walk in drunk. It's been going on for years but it's just getting worse." On a Tuesday morning, *The Profile* spoke to businesses and staff along Pollen and Mary Streets, and while they each respected the goodwill of the Baptist Church, they raised concerns over its locale. "Monday to Thursday from 9am to 12, that's when we have problems. They yell and scream at each other. They congregate at [the church] and then they go to The Vibe and congregate there. "Sometimes they are all good and they're not a problem, and other times it's just horrendous." *The Profile* earlier reported that up to a dozen people had been living rough at Danby Field, adjacent to Porritt Park Playground and Goldfields Mall. One of the residents living in a tent within the mangroves said that each morning,

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Concerns have been raised about drug use, intoxication and "aggression and intimidation" in public areas. Photo: GORDON PREECE

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they head to the Thames Baptist Church and have breakfast. They stay there until mid-day.

The church offers 'Tasty Tuesday' - a community meal - and it also provides them with food parcels.

The church was a big help, the resident said.

But those living rough also admitted to stealing and suffering from alcoholism, and complaints from workers with a "vantage point" of the conflicts included witnessing "almost daily" intoxication and drug use.

"Our biggest concern is that the behaviour is not being addressed. Maybe all it would take is feet on the ground," another staffer - who *The Profile* agreed to keep anonymous - said.

"I've seen [police] cars cruise literally past drug use... and I know resources are so stretched but it really does seem like a blind eye has been turned.

"Thames battles as it is to create itself as a destination, and then if people do come, this is the vibe that they're seeing... I would probably say 'I don't need to come back to that town' if I was passing through."

The worker said they were concerned about the antisocial behaviour and how it was impacting the general public, but they were aware there was a "high-needs group" that needed support.

"But maybe it's the community that isn't receiving the support?" they said.

"I'm sure if you and I went over and cracked a box of Woodies, someone would come and say something. If we started smoking a P pipe over there, I'm sure someone would say: 'This is not okay'. But it doesn't seem like there's any kind of consequence for that particular group, and maybe it's just because it's a problem that's becoming larger and more uncontrollable, I don't know."

Chris Lee is the current and 30th pastor of

the baptist church in Thames.

He has seen first-hand the need within the community, and "for years" he has tried to find a solution for the homeless situation.

He told *The Profile* he was aware of the concern of some shop owners in Mary and Pollen streets, and one time, the church was even called to the office of a former mayor and was asked why it didn't shift locations.

"We declined, saying we have been here for 150 years," Chris said.

"And according to one of our elder ladies, complaints about what we do for the poor and disadvantaged here have been ongoing for well over 20 years."

The community ministries arm of the church, under the banner of the Living

Well Trust, tries to meet the needs of the poor.

In March, there were 395 people through the church doors: 278 Māori, and 117 European. Fifty food parcels feeding 175 people - 87 adults and 88 children - were distributed, while over three weeks, 71 people took up the offer of the church's Tasty Tuesday.

These numbers were slightly reduced for the month of April.

Chris said homeless people in Thames were either living in the bush or the man-groves, living in their cars or on boats, or living in substandard accommodation on whānau land. Others were squatting or couch surfing, while some chose to live homeless, even if options existed for them to be housed.

But not all people labelled "homeless" by the community were actually homeless, he said, and from the church's record of verbal incidents, most were caused by homed people and by repeat offenders.

Because of social media comments, the church has been recording the number of incidents outside and inside the 305. In April, there were two incidents outside and two inside, and in May, there has so far been

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Whitianga	-0	01	-0 06
Tairua	+0	10	+0 21
Whangamata	-0	03	-0 05
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0 12

# 'There has to be a collaborative approach'

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just two inside.

However, Chris said disorder was not tolerated on the church premises, and any verbal altercations on the footpath outside would try to be quelled by intervening and mediating.

"However, we have no jurisdiction in the public place," he said.

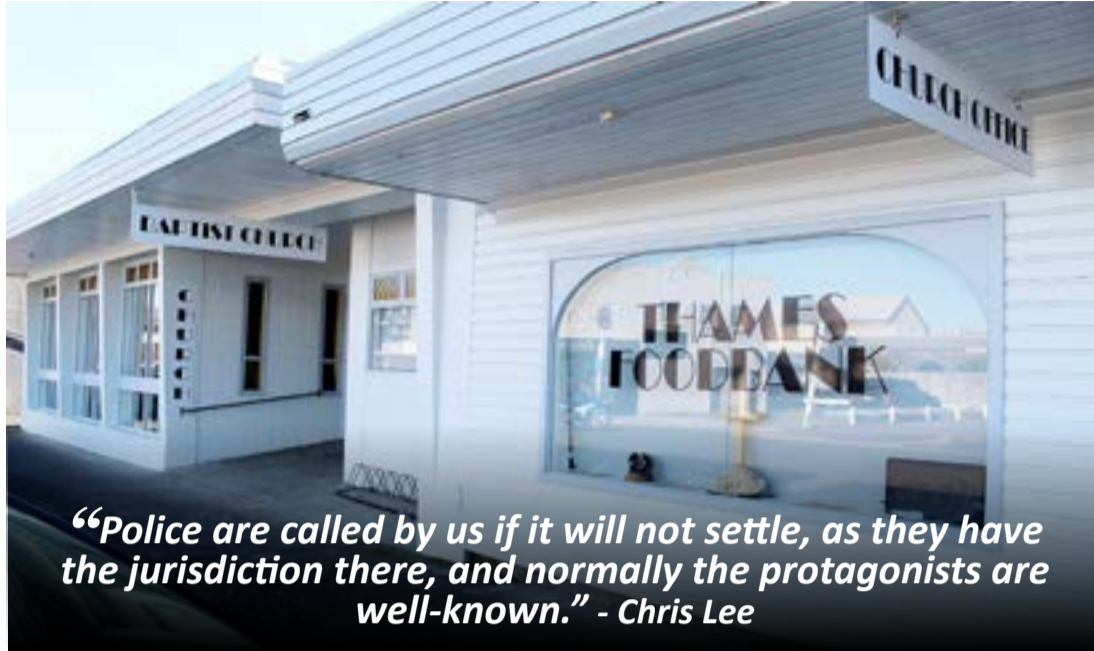
"Police are called by us if it will not settle, as they have the jurisdiction there, and normally the protagonists are well-known."

He also said the church had no jurisdiction over people's actions or behaviours in The Vibe.

"Some of the people - not necessarily the homeless - have dogs which they bring into town and tie up outside whilst they come in for breakfast, and Dog Control has visited about the behaviour of some of those dogs. But as I said, we have no jurisdiction on the footpath, and we have no land which is not on the footpath for people to tie up their dogs. Their dogs are their whānau," Chris said.

Thames-Coromandel Mayor Len Salt said his council talked to the Ministry of Social Development and NZ Police on a regular basis, and that as the council moves into its recovery phase following the recent storm events, they will also begin to "fill the gaps" and help and support the community in a way it's "not had the capacity to do before".

This means working with



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businesses and locals about the issues facing them.

"The agencies are very much aware of the individual people involved out there who are vulnerable, and their vulnerability causes them to exhibit behaviours which are challenging in the community - we're aware of that," he said.

"There has to be a collaborative approach. If people say council is the beginning and the end of the answer to the problem, then we're not only missing an opportunity, but we're also missing the valuable input we need from the people who live and work in those spaces."

Meanwhile, NZ Police acting

senior sergeant Niwha Jones reaffirmed Police's support with the district council and Kainga Ora.

He said Police took enforcement action when required, including arrests and issuing liquor ban infringement notices.

"Rough sleeping, begging or being homeless are in themselves not criminal offences, but Police are called from time to time to deal with issues around matters involving public disorder or complaints about antisocial behaviour."

"Many of those dealt with are suffering a wide range of welfare issues, and Police will seek to use alternative resolu-

tions and referrals to partner agencies to assist with specialist help.

"We aim to engage, educate, encourage and learn from all interactions. On occasions, we will exhaust all options and have no alternative but to take enforcement action."

Niwha said Police were continuing to work alongside, and have meetings with, its partner agencies to better understand the issues and to find long-term solutions for homelessness. He said anyone who sees illegal activity should call 111 immediately, or 105 if it's after the fact.



# Reporter places at Voyagers

The Valley Profile's senior reporter, Kelley Tantau, has been named one of the top community journalists in the country after attending the New Zealand Voyager Media Awards on May 27.

Kelley, 28, was named joint runner up for Community Journalist of the Year, judged on her writing excellence, use of contacts and initiative, her articles' newsworthiness and exclusivity, and their relevance to the community.

Kelley was selected as a finalist in April alongside six other journalists from around New Zealand. She shares the runner up accolade with Ripu Bhatta from Stuff, while Caroline Williams, also from Stuff, took home the win.

Kelley was also recently named Best Senior News Journalist in the New Zealand Community Newspaper Association Awards.

Profile managing editor Teresa Ramsey said Kelley had an acute sense for news, a strong commitment to her community and a passion for story telling.

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## Our road to recovery

A Recovery Plan for our district is under development to help guide the rebuilding of the Coromandel following extreme weather events.

The Recovery Plan is expected to be completed by Wednesday 31 May with input from stakeholders and agencies we're working with.

### Tapu-Coroglen Road update

The formation of a new, much larger slip above the existing underslip on the Tapu-Coroglen Road has caused work on a temporary diversion around the underslip to be put on hold for safety reasons. There are concerns that further excavation to create a temporary diversion route may cause this new slip to collapse onto the road.

Additional geotechnical investigations have been done with a view to re-designing the temporary works if possible. These will also inform the design of the permanent works for repair that are now being reviewed to see if they can be brought forward to permanently reopen the road ahead of the anticipated date of December 2023. **In the interim, the Tapu-Coroglen Road will remain closed until further notice.**



We would like to remind motorists to obey the signage and barriers preventing vehicles driving through this closed section of the Tapu-Coroglen Road. The risks of slips and/or collapse are real and may occur without warning.

Find out more here [tcdc.govt.nz/cyclone-recovery-plan](https://tcdc.govt.nz/cyclone-recovery-plan)

## What's next with our Annual Plan

Our Council has deliberated on all the public feedback we received on our proposed Annual Plan budget for 2023/24. Your feedback and submissions helped shaped some robust discussions around the Council table – alongside the knowledge that we have to create some space in our next financial year's budget to get things like our roads fixed – and prepare in case we have further large-scale weather events over winter.

We've reshaped our capital and operational expenses – and we're now looking at a final average rates increase of 11.6 per cent, compared to 11.4 per cent proposed.

Our Council will adopt the Annual Annual Plan on Tuesday 27 June. We'll be keeping everyone in the loop. Stay up-to-date at [tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023](https://tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2023)



## VOLUNTEER WEEK – 18 TO 24 JUNE

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**KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS**  
There will be no kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on King's Birthday Monday 5 June. Collections will be a day later. Check the kerbside collection schedule for your area: [tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](https://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)  
Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations are open on King's Birthday Monday as per their public holiday hours (Coromandel Town closes at 4pm). [tcdc.govt.nz/rts](https://tcdc.govt.nz/rts)

**ALCOHOL BANS**  
Alcohol bans are in place over King's Birthday Weekend from 4pm Friday 2 June to 4pm Monday to 4pm Monday 5 June. [tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol](https://tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol)

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Please keep your dogs on a lead in our town centres. There are off-leash dog exercise areas across the district on our website. [tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide](https://tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide)

## THREE BYLAWS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL



Our updated Dog Control Policy and Bylaw came into effect on Thursday 18 May 2023, after they were adopted by Council on Tuesday 16 May.

One of the key changes for the Thames Community Board area is to prohibit dogs from the southern end of the Hauraki Rail Trail, from south of the Kōpū Bridge to Hikutaia, for the protection of public health and safety.

In addition, our Council adopted amended bylaws for Activities in Public Places and Advertising and Signs, both to come into effect on Friday 23 June 2023.

Find out more [tcdc.govt.nz/bylaws-adopted](https://tcdc.govt.nz/bylaws-adopted)

## Thames Community Board UPDATE

### A word from our Thames Community Board Chair Adrian Catran JP:

"The first half of the year has been extremely busy as we tackle the challenges of the post-storm recovery, marketing of Thames as a destination, and the coming to fruition of various community projects that will eventually benefit us all in Thames. Our interactions with the public at Thames market in Grahamstown have exceeded our expectations. We are there every second Saturday, so please stop by and have a chat."



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**The Board's next meeting is on Wednesday 21 June 2023, 10am** in the Council Offices.

Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on [tcdc.govt.nz/meetings](https://tcdc.govt.nz/meetings), where you'll also find meeting agendas and minutes.

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# Repairing Waihi's history, one grave at a time

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

One of Waihi cemetery's oldest gravestones will soon be getting a makeover, thanks to genealogist and Waihi Heritage Vision member Robyn Ramsey.

The 127-year-old stone marks the resting place of Constable George Harrison Brooking, a policeman who contracted a fatal illness while on duty.

Called to handle a decomposing body at Martha Mine in 1896, he fell ill soon afterwards, passing away on May 21.

Time and weather have taken their toll on the cemetery, and his gravestone now lies in carefully-arranged pieces on the adjacent plot.

"I thought we should do something about that," Robyn said.

"We [Waihi Heritage Vision] do a walk annually. We covered his story in 2015 with the theme: historic and early burials in Waihi cemetery. And it was broken then."

However, getting a gravestone repaired was not a straightforward process, Robyn said. She's been working on this project for several months.

First, she contacted Hauraki District Council for permission to repair the stone, but was told not to touch it.

"Families are responsible for the graves in the cemeteries - this is the law," she said.

"Nobody else is allowed to do anything with them."

A council spokesperson later clarified to *The Profile* that "in



Robyn Ramsey, centre, and the members of Waihi Heritage Vision celebrate the life of Constable George Brooking. TOP RIGHT: The broken gravestone. BOTTOM RIGHT: Constable Brooking. Photo: SUPPLIED



the case of historical grave sites where there are no living family members, then there are organisations who volunteer to help with cleaning or restoring plaques and headstones. These groups contact council staff for approval to carry out the work".

However, Robyn was concerned the stone could be removed entirely.

"HDC's policy regarding grave-stones is that if they are unsafe or in a state of disrepair then the

council can remove and destroy them, keeping a record and photographs on file," she says.

"I wouldn't like to see that happen and I think he deserves to have his gravestone repaired and restored."

Luckily, Robyn's other passion, genealogy, has come in handy.

"I was able to find a descendant, a great grandson. He lives in Australia and he was very pleased to know that we were looking at doing this."

With a statutory declaration and signed permission in hand, Robyn was given the go-ahead from Hauraki District Council to repair the stone.

Now, Robyn is working on finding a monumental stonemason for the repairs.

It was the hardest part so far, she said, and getting companies to supply a quote had been difficult. But once she receives one, she will be able to apply for funding.

Heritage Vision chairperson

Warwick Buckman said the group was proud of the work Robyn had put into the project.

"She's done a lot of work out at the cemetery in researching people," he says.

"We're a fairly small group, but our members are pretty committed to see what they can do to preserve our history."

Robyn hopes to hold an unveiling for the community once the gravestone is reinstated. She recently held a small gathering on the anniversary of his death to remember him.

"Unfortunately it wasn't of much interest to the community apparently. There were only the Heritage Vision members who went along," she said.

Within the wider community though, there are those who care, and remember. The New Zealand Police Museum regularly posts on social media stories of members who fell doing their duty, and on May 21, Constable Brooking's story was shared across the country.

"Then there appeared a police badge that had been put in the crack on the gravestone, and that piqued my interest," Robyn said.

"[It] was a local policeman who had left that there ... I guess he was moved to go and pay his respects. So I guess it all meant something to him."

Ultimately, that's what it was all for, Robyn said.

"That's what we're for - preserving the history of Waihi. And his story is part of Waihi's history."



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# Service above self for 50 years

By GORDON PREECE

Living by the Rotary motto has kept Ron Tyrrell volunteering with the Paeroa club for half a century.

The 87-year-old told *The Profile* he was a sharemilker who had moved to Tirohia from Tatanui, near Morrinsville, when he joined Rotary Paeroa in 1973.

"In those days it was quite a privilege to be invited into Rotary... I could've declined, but I decided I hadn't been in the area very long and it was a way of meeting business people around Paeroa," he said.

"The Rotary motto is service above self... living by it is what you do in anything and everything."

Ron said his Rotarian highlights over the years included being involved in its market days, fundraising trail rides held in Komata, and the V8 Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet events.

"We're always trying to raise some more money for the local community and around the world," he said.

"We have events now that can make a few thousand dollars. In the earlier days, if you made a few hundred dollars you thought you were doing well."

Ron said he was devoted to preserving the Rotary Paeroa history at Paeroa Museum, where he is president.

"Seeing as I've been around a long time, I'm the historical person," he said.

"Many years ago, all their records of Rotary actually came together at our place, and putting them under a bed was not the best



Ron Tyrrell said he had lived by the Rotary motto, service above self, for half a century.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

thing to do, so they were all put into the town museum for anyone who wants to see the history of the club."

Ron said he held the Rotary Paeroa presidency between 1977 and 1978, and again between 1985 and 1986. He had also held the position of treasurer in his 50 years.

A surprise celebration evening for Ron was held at Paeroa RSA on May 9. He was joined by past members, members from other Rotary clubs, and family members who had travelled from as far away as Nelson and Punakaiki, north of

Greymouth.

"I would like to thank the club and especially [current Rotary Paeroa president Margarete Ford] and the people that organised it all," he said.

"I found out afterwards [the secret] was all over the place; some people were afraid they would spoil the evening."

Ron said he planned to stay involved with Rotary Paeroa for as long as he could.

"If you look at the list of things I want to do, I'll have to live until 150," he said.

# Paeroa RSA turns pink

By GORDON PREECE

Ninety people gathered at Paeroa RSA on May 20 for a pink ribbon luncheon to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Around 300 women in Waikato are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and the raised funds go towards education, research and patient support by the foundation.

Mel Huang, who hosted the event alongside the Paeroa RSA Women's Section, told *The Profile* the event was

"fantastic". "There was a lot of team effort to make it successful," he said.

"We had a talk by one of our committee members about breast cancer awareness and one of our club members shared her [breast cancer] survival journey with the crowd."

Mel said the event also featured raffles, live entertainment and a breast cancer quiz.

He said \$2000 was raised for the Breast Cancer Foundation through raffles, entry fees and voluntary donations made on the day.



Ninety attendees raised \$2000 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.



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# Social media solves Mother's Day mystery

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

A hairdresser, a handbag and a photograph - it was a mystery that had a Thames Facebook group enthralled, and once again proved the power of social media.

Early in May, Whangārei resident Morgan McCaskill pulled her newly-purchased second-hand handbag out of her closet. To her surprise, there was something in the back pocket - a 1948 identification card from the San Francisco Bureau of Customs, along with a photograph of a woman on an elephant.

Morgan had bought the bag from the Hospice Op Shop, when she visited Thames in February.

"I thought, 'there must be a bit of a story behind these'," Morgan said.

"Who was this woman, why does she have a pass from the San Francisco ports?"

Morgan, a Hospice nurse, was keen to reunite the pictures with their owner, so she jumped on Facebook. The post got shared to the Thames community page by her cousin Tyla, a Thames hairdresser.

Meanwhile, Thames resident Patti Clark was waiting for her sister to call from America. It was Mother's Day, and they were about to resume a conversation about Kathryn, their mother, who had passed away in the 70s. Patti checked her phone.

"The only reason I was scroll-



Patti Clark was thrilled to see her mother's face again, after the ID card was accidentally donated inside a handbag. INSET: The lost photo of Patti riding an elephant.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

ing mindlessly was because I was expecting my sister to call back any minute," she said. "Otherwise, I rarely do that."

Next thing she knew, she was face-to-face with her mother.

"I literally almost dropped my phone. It was so startling," Patti said.

"And I was like, 'oh my God', and I just hit the comments. 'That's mine! That's my mother!'"

Patti recognised the poster instantly - Tyla was her hairdresser. A flurry of messages

followed between Tyla, Morgan, and the extremely thankful Patti, and the misplaced mementos were soon on their way back home.

"I'm grateful beyond measure. I'm grateful for caring people and you know, Morgan could have thrown it away," Patti said.

"My husband and I have been downsizing, and I put all this stuff in a bag and just took it to the op shop. [It was] an old purse that I got as a gift 40 years ago that I rarely ever use."

Patti's mother was just 22 when the ID card photo was taken, at her first job in San Francisco.

"She got this job with an import export company as a translator," Patti said, "because she spoke Italian, Spanish, French, English, a spattering of German too I think."

"It's such a special keepsake, and it's the original one, embossed, with her signature."

The other photo, with the elephant, was of Patti herself. Morgan said she was pleased



This original San Francisco Ports ID card was discovered in a second-hand purse. Photo: SUPPLIED

to be able to reunite Patti with the keepsakes.

"The nature of work that I do with people who are losing loved ones fairly often... it was really wonderful to be able to keep some of that memory alive for Patti," she said.

And it was a good reminder for people donating goods: "Always check things before you donate them to the op shop".

When the photos turned up in Patti's mailbox a week later, she was on her way to get her hair done at Tyla's salon.

"There's too many coincidences for it to be just a coincidence in my world view, there's something else happening here," Patti said.

"[When I saw the post] I really felt in my heart just such a presence of my mother. It was Mother's Day - my mother died when I was 16.

"I don't have many pictures of her, and so that picture is so precious. But I hadn't seen it in decades."



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Cathy and Kelvin Haigh with a slice of new cheese awards.  
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# Matatoki dairy delicacies awarded

By GORDON PREECE

Matatoki Cheese Barn sliced up a quattro of recent national awards for its organic halloumi, organic gouda and mountain cheeses.

The barn, which has served cheese products for 25 years, won the top and gold award for its organic halloumi, a silver award for its organic Matatoki mountain cheese and a bronze award for its organic gouda at this year's New Zealand Champions of Cheese Awards.

Cathy Haigh, who co-owns the

business with her husband Kelvin, told *The Profile* that achieving a top award was "really cool" because it put them back on the champion of champions cheeseboard.

"We enter the awards every year and this was the first year we have ever tried the organic halloumi, so that was good that it was our first time entering and first time getting an award," she said.

"The last big award we won was 2018 and that was for the cumin seed gouda, that one got

"We haven't really won anything major since then so we were pretty excited about [this year's top award]."

Cathy said the cheese judging occurred in March and at the end of that month, they were notified about their gold, silver, and bronze awards.

Their top award was announced on May 4 at an awards gala in Hamilton.

"We put a post on Facebook when we won the gold medal and we got lots of congratulations, and when we put the post up on Facebook about the cham-

panion award we've had a huge reaction," she said. "That's the bit that's really nice, everyone's supporting us and likes our cheeses."

Cathy said the barn also entered its camembert, mozzarella, blue cheese, and cumin seed and garlic and chive flavoured goudas in the awards but they weren't deemed the wheel deal.

Cathy said Kelvin decided when he established the business 25 years ago to use organic products to make their cheeses.

"I think he had seen people spraying fields and chemicals everywhere and thought that

wasn't really a nice thing and decided that organic was the way to go," she said.

"Our main supplier is Raymond Ridings in Kerepēhi, he's an organic milk supplier, and at the moment we're about to switch to our winter milk supplier. This year it's going to be [Jersey Girl Organics based in Matamata], they're A2 jersey milk.

"It does give us a point of difference from our competitors because there's quite a few other cheese brands out there but there's not that many that are certified organic."

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# Rural Life

## Paeroa rabbit show sure to breed delight

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

This King's Birthday weekend, expect a hopping good time at Paeroa's War Memorial Hall.

It will be the epicentre of cute, as furry lagomorphs of all shapes and sizes vie for the title of Best in Show.

All are welcome to join in with the pet show, Hauraki-Piako Rabbit Club vice president Donna Handley said.

"If anyone's got a pet rabbit they can bring it along and enter on the day," the Paeroa rabbit breeder said.

"We have a fancy dress section where we have a heap of fun. You've got your cutest pet, best bred pet, best purebred pet, cheekiest pet..."

As well as the club's pet show, spectators will be able to see the more formal Rabbit Council's North Island nationals.

"Club show's different. You put them in because you want to get feedback on what they're like, what their coat's like, what their body type's like and everything else," Donna said.

"But nationals - nationals you put your best in."

Donna's rabbits are no strangers to the nationals.

"I did the North Island nationals 2013, I won it with a rex [breed]. I actually won it," she said.

"It was a big shock, I'd only been in rabbits for three years."

These days, the enthusiastic breeder has 17 rabbits in her me-



Paeroa's "bunny mum" Donna Handley is hopping with excitement for the Rabbit Council's North Island nationals.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

nagerie. "At one stage I had 40 rabbits out in the backyard," she said. "I look back and it's like, 'what was I thinking?'"

Each ball of fluff has their own personality, and Donna knows them inside out. In quick succession, she rattles off a list of names and traits.

"Torvi's my orange rex. You're not supposed to have favourites,

you're not supposed to. But Torvi's probably one of them. Fizz has won best rex, she's just a sweetheart. But Fizz is getting a bit grumpy now because she's at that age where she wants a buck. And she can't have a buck until after the nationals.

"They've all got different personalities. Like my boy Jack, he was just the biggest snuggly bum. Jack was my foundation buck, his

bloodlines are in every single blue-eyed white I own."

They're more like loved family members than pets. As each is lifted from their cage, she pulls them in close for snuggles and coos of admiration.

"People don't realise that rabbits actually do make good friends," she said.

"You do get some that have an attitude, and those ones you don't

breed from because that attitude will come through in the next litter."

Currently, Donna has five breeds.

"I've got jersey wooly, mini cashmere, mini lop, netherland dwarf, and standard rex," Donna said.

"It's been a learning curve with these guys."

And that's where the shows come in. Donna has a few rabbits entered in the nationals this year.

Gilligan is my pick for doing Best in Show," she said.

"He's a perfect jersey wooly in my books."

Most of her others will also hop along to the hall, to be judged in the club show.

"I like to hear the [judges'] comments so I know where I can improve," she said. "And I think all of us are like that."

"We just want people to come in and see what we do, you know, because rabbits are fun."

"Pretty much everybody in town knows me as bunny mum - the crazy bunny lady. But to me they give you a lot of joy."

**Hauraki-Piako Rabbit Club Show, June 3, 10am-3.30pm at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall. Gold coin donation; enter a rabbit in the pet show for \$1 per bunny plus 50c per extra class. Contact Donna on 021 231 2946 or visit Hauraki-Piako Rabbit Club on Facebook for more information.**



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# Clean up bill to cost \$18.5m

Slips, river erosion protection works stripped out, blocked rivers, river channels off course, debris and silt buildup, river flood capacities compromised – this summer’s flooding has left behind a substantial trail of damage for Waikato Regional Council to remedy for its communities.

Across the region, the estimated cost due to damage from the flooding events is nearly \$18.5 million.

All areas presenting immediate high risk of flooding to communities and properties are being done as a priority before June, 2023, with further remedial work to continue in the following two years.

One job of high priority is remediation works to the Ohinemuri River in Paeroa, beneath the Criterion Bridge, currently underway. Works supervisor Hayden McGregor, from the council’s Paeroa office, said major silt deposits accumulated on the south side of the river under the bridge during the floods significantly reduced the volume of water that could pass under the bridge.

“As a result of the river having to make room for itself, it eroded a lot of the river berm in the front of the stopbank that protects the town. So, we’re creating some rock armouring to the riverbank to prevent any further erosion and loss of bank.”

Up to a metre of silt was also removed from the surface of the berm on the downstream, south-side of the bridge to improve future flood capacity of the river within the town’s two stopbanks.

The unseasonably wet summer caused extensive damage to multiple rivers and streams in the Coromandel Peninsula and Hauraki catchments, and to a lesser extent in the lower Waikato/west coast.

Cleaning up has been the immediate focus of the council’s river management teams, so removing trees from the rivers as they cause blockages that exacerbate damage, and realigning river channels.

Coromandel Catchments Lead James Ferrier-Kerr said the events of the summer culminated in the worst, widespread damage he had experienced in his seven years working in river management in the peninsula.

“A big part of the Coromandel story is the successive heavy rain events we’ve had in May, July, September, November, December, followed by Hale, Auckland Anniversary weekend in January then Gabrielle for three days in February,” James said.

“When Gabrielle made landfall, we were already in a state of catchment saturation with obstructions and bank erosion sites known but unable to be remedied between events. Since Gabrielle, we continued to have localised heavy rain in March and April.”

James said the priority has been clearing obstructions to mitigate the flood and erosion risk before starting on erosion protection works. Logistics have been difficult on the peninsula with road closures.

“We estimate a further 12 months of remedial works. We have completed 34 out of 88 clearance jobs and landowners are still making contact. We’re spending days if not weeks on the same property.”

In the Hauraki area, the flood management team has also been making its way clearing obstacles along rivers and realigning channels. “Basically, we’ve been working from the bottom of a river up, doing what needs to be done,” Hayden said of the Komata, Hikutaia and Puriri rivers, also tributaries of the Waihou River, and the Kauaeranga River, which is the third largest river system within the Waihou Valley Scheme.

“The extent of the damage to our rivers is quite incredible,” he said.

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# Thames' Victoria Reserve opened



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.

## 1902

The opening of Victoria Reserve at Grahamstown, Thames, with its new band rotunda took place in the presence of a large number of residents and military volunteers. The handsome rotunda had been built to commemorate the King's Coronation.

Mayor Trembath addressed the gathering and formally declared the reserve open. He said although the area was not very large, he hoped it was only a forerunner of what the public might look forward to in years to come. He trusted the local authorities would eventually fill in the whole of the foreshore from Grahamstown to Shortland. He thanked the donors of several seats which were placed about the reserve.

The band then played 'God Save the King' after which the Hon Mr McGowan spoke. He said it was imperative to provide these 'breathing spaces' for the community as well as places where children could run about free from danger. The Hauraki band then played a selection, after which the volunteers formed a line and fired a feu-de-joie - each



The opening of the Victoria Reserve and new band rotunda, 10 November 1902.

man firing in succession along the ranks to make a continuous sound - in honour of the King.

### TAPU CONCERNS ADDRESSED

At Tapu a public meeting was called to consider the encroachment of the tide on the Tapu Flat, the state of the cemetery, and the protection of trees.

A large crowd assembled in the schoolroom. The chairman had spoken to the Council regarding the encroachment of the foreshore, who had promised assistance in labour or funds. The Council, he said, was in readiness to assist in remedying the evil. Captain Newby regretfully pointed out the apathy of residents in regard to the proper care of the cemetery - what was everybody's business, seemed nobody's. In old times elected trustees controlled the affairs of the cemetery, but this seemed to have died out.

He hoped the previous order of things would be resumed as he cemetery was a disgrace to one and all. The matter of the protection of the shelter trees was relegated to the school committee for consideration.

### CHILDREN CHARGED

Three Karangahake children, aged five, six, and seven years, were charged at the Paeroa Police Court with the theft of 18 shillings from a house, and were fined one pound and costs each. The charges were criticised by an observer who condemned "the fat headed policeman who arrested these tiny toddlers and hauled them to Court, and the brace of Justices who gravely and solemnly fined them for the dreadful Crime of housebreaking". The sentence, he spluttered, was quite illegal, for a child of five years could not be held responsible for a criminal act. It was a peculiarity of British jurisprudence that the Paeroa justices seemed not to have heard of. Waihi, as well, came under fire when "a little dot of five years" was placed in the dock on a charge of arson having been arrested by a "particularly green variety of police constable which seemed to be grown" in the Thames Valley. In this instance a lawyer was able to convince the Bench that a charge could not be made against a child of such tender years, and so it was dismissed.

# L&P bottle gets a refresh

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

On a recent Thursday morning, Paeroa's famous L&P bottle was barely visible among the fog.

It had been covered with an undercoat of white ahead of it receiving a fresh paint job and protection from a graffiti guard.

While it was looking more like a milk bottle than a bottle of fizzy, social media page Our Place Aotearoa New Zealand decided to ask its followers to get inventive and design a new look for the iconic Paeroa landmark.

The suggestions that came flooding in included a bottle of V energy drink; an orange road cone; and an assortment of alcoholic beverages.

Thankfully, the bottle has

since been repainted in classic L&P style.

The bottle, off State Highway 2, is owned by Hauraki District Council, but the L&P branding is owned by the Coke a Cola European Partnership company (CCEP).

A council spokesperson said CCEP took responsibility for maintaining the bottle, and had organised their promotional company to manage the preparation and repainting of the bottle.

"It is at no cost to our rate-payers," she said. "It's great to see this quintessential provincial Kiwi icon and one of New Zealand's most readily identifiable brands getting a well-deserved makeover. It's done Paeroa proud over the years."



The iconic Paeroa L&P bottle has had a paint job.

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Another important advantage of booking well ahead is that it gives you ample time to plan and make informed decisions.

Wedding planning involves numerous details, including décor, seating arrangements, menu selections, and more. By booking early, you have the luxury of time to carefully consider all these elements, conduct thorough research, and make



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Booking well ahead for your wedding grants you greater choice and availability, ensures the services of top-quality vendors, provides ample time for planning, and potentially saves you money. By taking this proactive approach, you can set the foundation for a memorable and stress-free wedding day, filled with love, happiness, and cherished memories for years to come.



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## Plenty of jobs yet to be done

Winter is not the time to hang up the gumboots and store the spade, there are still jobs to be done and much to be enjoyed. With the trees shedding their leaves it brings everything into sharp relief allowing others to strut their stuff.

It's time for shapely branches and beautiful bark to take their turn in the limelight. Trees or shrubs with berries are a must for winter colour also. A large tree which puts on a great show with its berries is *Idesia Polycarpa*. Smaller example just as pretty are *Nandina*, *Skimmia Japonica*, *Corokia* and *Viburnum*.

Adding compost around growing vegetable plants helps to absorb excess water from the bouts of heavy rain we may experience. It also helps with the ground temperature and provides valuable nutrients. Plant Beetroot, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli and Brussel sprouts. Continue planting winter lettuce.

Cos is a good choice at this time of year. Carrots and parsnips – harvest those sown December and January as ready and continue to plant carrot seeds this month. Silverbeet, spinach and kale – harvest outer larger leaves to help plants to continue producing through winter. Make further sowings of spinach. Winter seedlings need occasional cultivation to aerate soil and control weeds. Foliar fertilise to stimulate growth. Rhubarb – old crowns which have been lifted and stored can now be divided and planted in permanent growing position.

Nature doesn't like bare soil so you might consider planting a green manure crop such as lupin, mustard, clover or buckwheat. This is a way of putting valuable nutrients

back into the soil in your vegetable garden.

In the flower garden, winter flowering annuals should now start coming into full bloom. They are great for adding colour to dreary parts of the garden. They are also good in pots so they can be moved to become more visible from inside the home and brighten up the deck. Try, alyssum, calendulas, lobelia, pansy, poppy, snapdragon, stock, cineraria and primulas. Bulbs already planted out, daffodils and freesias are well on the way due to the continued warm weather.

Leaf fall is almost complete on stone fruit trees. Mid June, apply a winter copper spray especially on varieties prone to bacterial canker. Apples, pears – begin mid-winter pruning to regulate fruiting characteristics and improve fruit bearing. Citrus – Severe winter cold damages shoot growth and fruit.

Where possible, lightly cover trees on clear frosty nights. Feijoas – Continue harvesting. Strawberries – Now is the time to sort your strawberry bed. They require full sun with free draining soil. Dig in strawberry fertiliser and liquid feed every fortnight.

Raspberries, boysenberries and loganberries – Prune out last season's cane growth – tie new seasons growth onto supports, select strongest – prune out spindly shoots.

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## Death Notices

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Loved father and father in law of Deneene and Ross, Jackie and Robby (USA); Andrew and Karma. Grandfather of five, great-grandfather of three.  
Thanks to the staff and nurses at Thames Hospital.  
A private cremation has been held.

**MCCOLLUM, Robert William (Bob):**  
Loved friend and companion of Betty. So much love, so many happy memories.  
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**Garrett, Rodney:**  
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Registration type	Fee	Fee if paid after 31/07/23
General dog (entire)	\$120.00	\$180.00
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**Profile**



Young Luna is seeking a new home to snuggle up in. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Luna deserves loving family

**PET PROFILE**

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

Luna, once lost, was taken in by Hauraki District Council's animal control team, and now she is trying to find her forever home.

The pup is around eight months old and is possibly a Lab/Staffy cross.

Council's spokesperson said she was found roaming, with members of the public calling council, concerned she would be hit by traffic.

"Being such a beautiful girl we thought the owners would show up and claim her, but unfortunately that hasn't happened."

Luna is described as a "gentle" dog who really loves cuddles and attention.


She would benefit from a home that understands the challenges that come with adopting a rescue dog and can patiently give her the training that she has possibly lacked.

"Although she is very well behaved and has lovely manners, she could be a little anxious initially in a new setting," council said. "She's super friendly and seems to get on well with other dogs."

"While we have had quite a bit of interest in her, she is still waiting patiently for her perfect forever home to come along."

"She walks nicely on the lead and does love a wee treat or two. We would love to see her snuggled up in front of a warm fire with a loving family."

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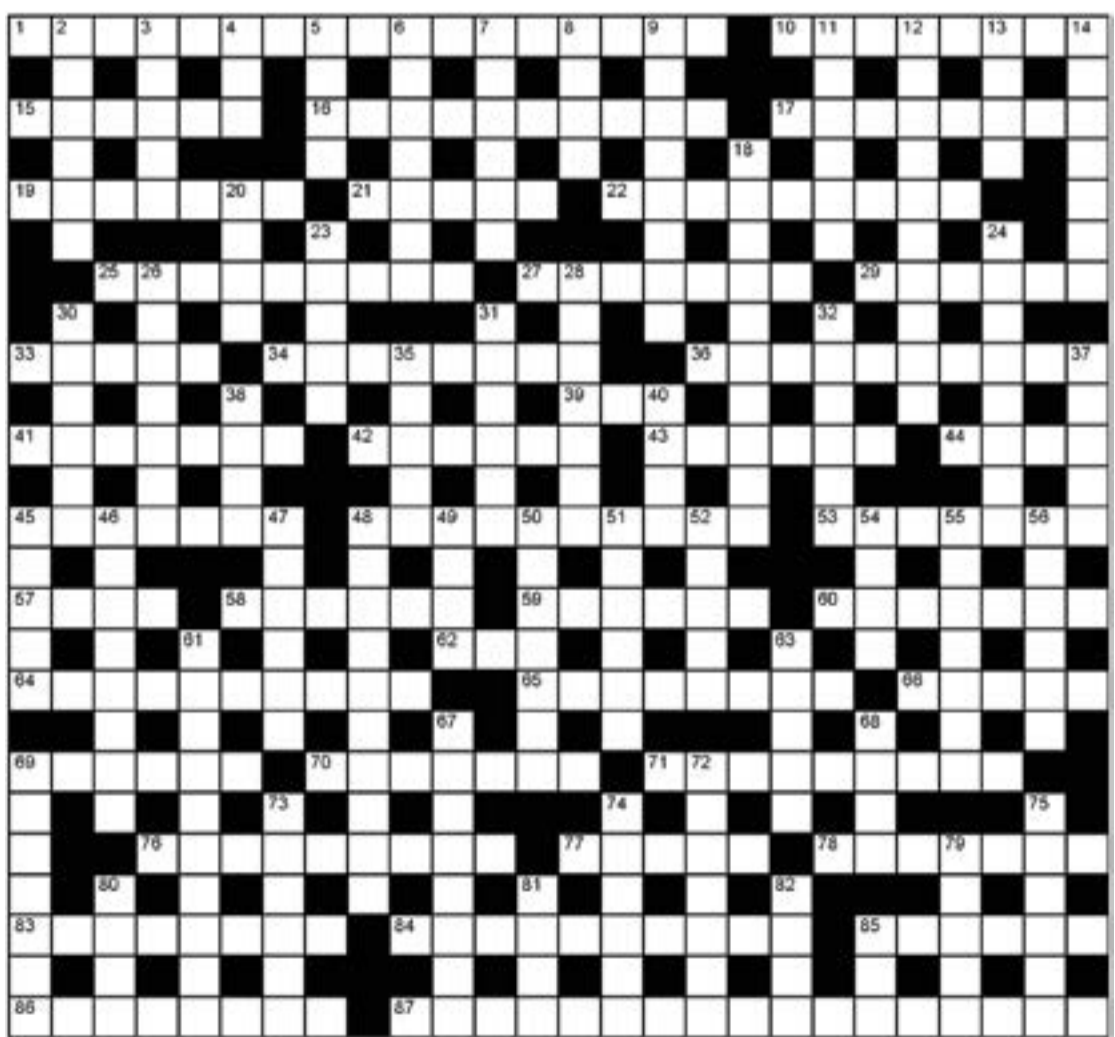
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## JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Part with an excessive amount of money for something (3,7,3,4)
  - 10 Time off work (8)
  - 15 Take to be true (6)
  - 16 Galling (10)
  - 17 And so on (8)
  - 19 Cowboy film (7)
  - 21 Soft hat (5)
  - 22 Very small dog breed (9)
  - 25 Ease (9)
  - 27 Plain, obvious (7)
  - 29 Colour remover (6)
  - 33 Unquestioned doctrine (5)
  - 34 Wholesaler (8)
  - 36 Stress (10)
  - 39 Digit (3)
  - 41 Under normal conditions (7)
  - 42 Breakfast food (6)
  - 43 Uncommon thing (6)
  - 44 Protracted (4)
  - 45 Temporary encampment (7)
  - 48 Humdrum (10)
  - 53 Hug (7)
  - 57 Nimble (4)
  - 58 Automatic reaction (6)
  - 59 Garden alcove covered with climbing plants (6)
  - 60 Silly (7)
  - 62 Inside information (3)
  - 64 Lullaby (6,4)
  - 65 Put at risk (8)
  - 66 Destined (5)
  - 69 Culmination (6)
  - 70 Defrauded (7)
  - 71 Weather instrument (9)
  - 76 Small blood vessel (9)
  - 77 Poem (5)
  - 78 Depict (7)
  - 83 Dishware (8)
  - 84 Event (10)
  - 85 Cavalcade (6)
  - 86 Those who betray (8)
  - 87 Assert adamantly (5,5,3,4)
  - DOWN**
  - 2 Response (6)
  - 3 Have faith in (5)
  - 4 Regret bitterly (3)
  - 5 Single entity (4)
  - 6 Crop (7)
  - 7 Milliner (6)
  - 8 Short letter (4)
  - 9 Parasol (8)
  - 11 Ban (6)
  - 12 Disparity, lack of balance (10)
  - 13 Locale (4)
  - 14 A language (7)
  - 18 Horned African animal (10)
  - 20 Coral bank (4)
  - 23 Less (5)
  - 24 Intense unfounded suspicion (8)
  - 26 Back problem (7)
  - 28 Dizziness (7)
  - 30 Miniaturised tree (6)
  - 31 Debacle (6)
  - 32 Chemist's grinder (6)
  - 35 Planet (5)
  - 37 Bird of prey (5)
  - 38 Arm bone (4)
  - 40 Therefore (4)
  - 45 Fundamental (5)
  - 46 Word for word (8)
  - 47 Fold mark (6)
  - 48 Sad pensiveness (10)
  - 49 Following (4)
  - 50 Circus swing (7)
  - 51 Person of no importance or authority (6)
  - 52 Policy reversal (1-4)
  - 54 Debatable (4)
  - 55 Let go (7)
  - 56 Kidney-shaped nut (6)
  - 61 Street stalls selling used goods, etc (4,6)
  - 63 Poison (5)
  - 67 Milk producer (5,3)
  - 68 Vote against (4)
  - 69 Short hairstyle (4,3)
  - 72 Pungent gas (7)
  - 73 Looking-glass (6)
  - 74 Winged child (6)
  - 75 Four-wheeled enclosed horse carriage (6)
  - 79 Pulsating pain (5)
  - 80 Flaring star (4)
  - 81 Wild cat (4)
  - 82 Reach maximum (4)
  - 85 Cage (3)



**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

**ACROSS:** 1 Halve, 4 Peter Pan, 9 Resist, 14 Heart, 15 Hard on the heels of, 17 Choke, 18 Era, 19 Cavalry, 20 Scrawling, 21 Debris, 24 Hoi polloi, 25 Rudder, 26 Sample, 29 Geologists, 31 Ant, 32 Muffin, 33 Beta, 35 Ore, 37 Gust, 39 Out of gear, 40 Chicanery, 41 Theft, 42 Reprieve, 47 Compress, 51 Cheek, 55 Bagatelle, 56 Nauseates, 58 Song, 59 Ice, 60 Need, 61 Panted, 62 Ass, 63 Particular, 66 Better, 67 Finals, 69 Increased, 72 Sketch, 73 Retaining, 75 Spirits, 77 Cut, 80 Ideal, 81 Draw a curtain over, 82 Truss, 83 Devoid, 84 Make sure, 85 State.

**DOWN:** 2 Avalanche, 3 Vodka, 5 Echo, 6 Ethical, 7 Prevaricated, 8 Nasal, 9 Refined, 10 Sick, 11 Shovel, 12 Cares, 13 Strange, 14 Hearsay, 16 Nursing home, 22 Corset, 23 Perfect, 24 Holster, 25 Retort, 27 Precede, 28 Libido, 30 Safe, 32 Meter, 34 Abyss, 36 Warp, 38 Use, 42 Robin, 43 Pigment, 44 Into, 45 Vulgar, 46 Tepid, 48 Mississippi, 49 Rescued, 50 Son, 51 Certain, 52 Kneads, 53 Question mark, 54 Help, 57 Turkey, 64 Apartment, 65 Genesis, 66 Boycott, 68 Amended, 70 Concur, 71 Scheme, 72 Strut, 74 Alarm, 76 Roost, 78 Also, 79 Stir.

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