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Volunteers step up

Waihi volunteer doing well by doing good

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

A “feather in the wind”, Lesley Lewis is following the path being paved for her by Hospice Waikato.

The Waihi woman and budding writer started volunteering for the charitable trust in April, and said that thanks to the people she’s met along the way, her dynamic self is starting to make a comeback.

“I used to be a dynamo,” she told *The Profile*, “but my stuffing has been taken out of me. I’m just starting to stuff myself back up and hopefully the dynamo will come back again one day.”

Lesley said her initial impression of hospice care in New Zealand was that it just existed to give patients “a quick and painless end”, but her mind was opened after meeting a fellow volunteer. The man who changed Lesley’s perception was Hamilton-based Selwyn Cook, who has been a volunteer with Hospice since he lost his first wife to cancer.

He’s at the in-patient unit every Wednesday evening, carting around the liquor trolley and telling dad jokes.

“When I went in with my wife



Selwyn Cook and Lesley Lewis are volunteers for Hospice Waikato and say that giving back has done them a world of good.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

who was in the last stages of her life, I expected this sad, ‘death’s-waiting’ room, and it was the opposite. It was upbeat, it was

happy, and my wife’s wellness just improved within hours.

“They have an absolute focus on patients living life to the

utmost,” he said.

“I was absolutely drawn to that in-patient unit, and I want to volunteer until the day I can’t

anymore.”

Lesley and Selwyn met through Selwyn’s work in Waihi.

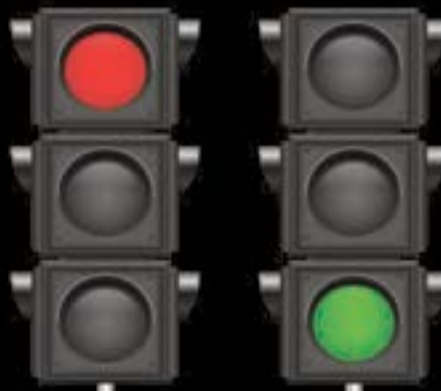
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\$3.7m joint funding boost for Rail Trail

The Hauraki Rail Trail has secured a total of \$3.7m in government and council funding to repair and upgrade the cycle network after damage suffered in recent storms.

Last week it was announced that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will contribute just over \$2m towards the project. This was matched by joint funding from Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki, and Matamata-Piako District Councils, which will contribute to the three-year repair project.

The trail suffered severe damage to its surface and stability in this year's summer storms, with the funding ensuring its recovery and resilience.

Tourism Minister Peeni Henare made the announcement about the funding in Matamata last Thursday.

"I am grateful for the support we have from our three district councils and central government in working with us to resolve the funding hole we were facing after the storms," Hauraki Rail Trail chief executive Diane Drummond said.

"This community asset is of such great importance to our local community, providing both strong economic and health benefits. To see it on its knees in February, was very sad. With our borders now open again, we need to dust off the dirt and get on with the mahi now."

Diane said the works programme would take another 18 months to complete, such was the scale of the damage.

Minor works are already underway throughout the network, with the project due for completion in 2025.

The major repairs included in the project include: rehabilitation on the trail from Kaiaua to Rays Rest, relocating the track away from the unstable northern end of Rays Rest; putting in a bypass of the ongoing Waikato Regional



They Hauraki Rail Trail was badly damaged during storms earlier this year. Photo: SUPPLIED

Council stopbank works and then relaying the trail; resurfacing and bridge repairs between Thames and Hikutaia; extensive works between Paeroa and Waihi to stabilise and resurface the trail, and surface and slump repairs between Paeroa and Te Aroha.

Strong support for the repair project reflected the contribution the 160km Hauraki Rail Trail made to the surrounding regions, Diane said.

The trail is used by 115,000 people each year, many of whom are tourists.

Recent research showed that the trail had a high return on investment, with visitor spend, business development, job creation and positive health outcomes credited in its contribution to the area.

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As a disability employment facilitator, he asked Lesley if she would consider volunteering - because while there are 650 volunteers for Hospice in the Waikato, there is a shortage of helpers from Hauraki.

Lesley has since become a companion to a woman in Waihi and a 'my life, my story' writer for the charitable trust.

"[My companion] is doing as much for me as I'm doing for her," she said.

"She's helping me learn how to have more confidence. I've lost all my guts and I'm starting to find them again, so if I can help people, the flip-side is that they help me."

Composing life stories for patients is also a win-win for Lesley, who has ambitions to be a writer.

The service's aim is to record the stories of patients in their own words, preparing a finalised bound transcript for the family to keep.

"I'm a feather in the wind and I'm just going with the flow with this," Lesley said.

"It is leading me down a path and there's got to be a reason for that."

Hospice Waikato's manager of volunteer services Karen Mansfield said anyone affected by a terminal illness and in need of specialist palliative care may be referred to hospice.

"Our patients and their whānau are supported by our team of specialist palliative medicine doctors, nurses, counsellors, and social workers - as well as volunteers like Lesley.

"The majority of our patients are cared for in their own homes and to do this we need support from the community."

Hospice Waikato is currently looking for volunteers who are able to give a couple of hours a week to be a companion or visitor for a patient, or to sit down with a patient while a carer attends to other errands.

DETAILS: If you would like to volunteer, please contact Karen on 021 769 475, or to enquire about local hospice services, contact 0800 HOSPICE (0800 4677 423).

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Create the Vibe survey 'too hard to find'

By GORDON PREECE

Concerns have been raised over the handling of a survey that will help decide the future of the Create the Vibe on Mary St.

The pedestrian space was set up by Thames-Coromandel District Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in March, 2021, to create a space for people to gather, and since its opening, Mary St has been closed to vehicles near the Pollen St intersection.

The project, which initially cost around \$355,000 and was named Best Street at the 2022 Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards, was initially established as a 12-month trial. However, this was extended for another year to enable the council to grasp how the space operated over a full summer period without Covid-19 restrictions.

The council launched an online survey on June 12 for the Thames Community Board to seek feedback to ultimately determine its next steps. Council said it also planned to visit the Create the Vibe space to interview users before the survey closed on June 25.

However, Thames resident Sheryl McConnell, who presented a 640-signature petition to the board last year calling for Mary St to reopen to traffic, told *The Profile* she believed the recent survey was "underhanded".

"My view is that it's far too hard for Thames people to find... it's attached to an email from TCDC where I get weekly updates about what's happening, and you scroll



Mary St has been closed to vehicles since the Create the Vibe space opened in March, 2021. Photo: GORDON PREECE

all the way down and it's quite buried," she said.

"In the Local Government Act [2002], it says persons who wish to have their views on the decision or matter considered by the local authority should be provided by that local authority with a reasonable opportunity to present the views.

"If [the community board] are making a decision and it's influenced by the survey, then it sounds like consultation with people who want to have their views considered, might not find an on-

line survey appropriate to their preferences and needs."

Sheryl also believed the council had also not given an appropriate timeframe for residents to complete the survey.

"I just don't know how in the very short time that we've got to do this, people are going to be able to get it done," she said.

"In the Local Government Act [2002]... it's got to be in a fairly clear and reasonable timeframe."

Sheryl believed the survey should be open for one month instead of 14 days.

A Thames retailer on Pollen St, who wished to remain anonymous, said she also thought the timeframe for the survey was too short and was concerned it hadn't been advertised adequately.

She opposed the Create the Vibe space, she said.

"I liken [The Vibe] to what's happened now at the Kōpū-Hikuai where the natural flow of the traffic has been diverted, and that has affected us," she said.

"[The Vibe] has done the same thing, it has divided Pollen St and Grahamstown and that's why I

think it needs to go."

Council infrastructure project delivery manager Andrew Boden said he believed two weeks was an "appropriate" timeframe for the survey.

"For the last 12 months, our website has kept the community informed that community engagement would be undertaken around this time," he said.

"Two weeks is appropriate given that we have been clear on the timeline since the trial was extended in June, 2022."

Mr Boden said council had advertised the survey "widely", including in its weekly newsletter, on social media, and as part of an advertisement in *The Valley Profile* on June 21 for those who were not online.

He said council also planned to have researchers at the space on June 15, June 16 and June 24 to engage with pedestrians, and the Thames Library was open for residents to complete the survey online with assistance from library staff. "Our elected members are also promoting the survey, including when they interact with the public at the Thames weekly market," he said. "The survey link was emailed on [June 9] to community groups identified by the Community Board including emergency services, Police, St John, Thames Business Association and community groups that have previously booked the container or the Vibe space."

DETAILS: Create the Vibe survey will be available online at: www.tcdc.govt.nz until June 25.

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HPC venturers prepared for jamboree

By GORDON PREECE

Three Hauraki Plains College students will don their scouting uniform to represent New Zealand at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next month.

The jamboree, which will take place around three hours south-west of Seoul at Saemangeum, will be attended by around 54,000 international scouting associates.

Cayden de Graaf, Hamish Paterson, and Thomas Brown will be three of 94 members of the New Zealand contingent attending the triannual event.

Year 11 student Cayden told *The Profile* the jamboree would be a "trip of a lifetime" for him and his fellow Clevedon Scout Group venturers.

"It's not everyday you go to South Korea for a month," he said.

"We're a bunch of mates who are going overseas for a month and we just want to have that opportunity to learn as much as possible and explore other people's cultures.

"It basically allows us to go over there and have the ability to enjoy as much time as possible and not have to worry about school but we will come back and definitely catch up on as much as possible."

A venturer is the fourth rank in Scouts.



Thomas Brown, left, Hamish Paterson and Cayden de Graaf will jet to South Korea for the World Scout Jamboree in late July.

Photo: SUPPLIED

Cayden said he, along with Thomas and Hamish, first got a taste of jamboree life at the New Zealand Scout Jamboree at Mystery Creek Events Centre, near Hamilton, in 2019.

"That was one where there were mostly New Zealanders, but there were some overseas contingents who came over and we all had some of the best times

of our lives, they had all these activities and we learned heaps," he said.

"We got offered to do the next one overseas, we all sat down and decided that we can't miss an opportunity like that."

The venturers said their trip would include visiting temples, amusement parks, the demilitarised zone at the South and

North Korean border, and meeting New Zealand troops deployed to South Korea.

They had spent every second weekend for the past two years to fundraise \$9000 for their travels by selling samosas, collecting expired food from supermarkets to be turned into animal food, and catering at a Clevedon A&P show and a Kawakawa Bay wedding.

Year 11 student Thomas said they travel to South Korea on July 24 and fly back on August 13 where they will reinvest in school work.

"My dad printed off three letters for us and it's from the actual world scout jamboree people and it says 'please don't let these venturers do homework during this period'," he said.



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Ngātea nurse pulses four decades

By GORDON PREECE

Community support has been the best medicine in Pauline Olesen's 40-year nursing career in Ngātea.

The 71-year-old practice nurse at Health Ngātea told *The Profile* she felt "proud" to have worn a stethoscope and provide vaccinations, wound care, and medical advice to thousands of patients.

"It's hard to believe really that this much time has gone by, but I feel quite proud that I'm still here and I'm very proud of our practice," she said.

"I've got wonderful management and in the 40 years I've been here I've had fantastic bosses who are very considerate towards the nurses' needs.

"The crux of the matter really is helping people... being a big part of our community and having familiarity with the people in Ngātea and the surrounding districts."

Pauline said she scrubbed up the courage for a nursing shot as a teenager.

"I was brought up on a farm [in Ruawaro, west of Huntly] and animal husbandry was quite a big thing. I don't know whether that persuaded me but [nursing] was something that I was keen to do," she said.

"In those days when I was a young teenager, there were limited choices, you were either a nurse or a teacher, or worked at the bank or in retail, and nursing



Pauline Olesen says she feels "proud" to serve as a nurse in Ngātea for 40 years.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

appealed to me.

"It helped that I had a friend who was going to nursing school as well."

Pauline said she first donned her scrubs at Thames Hospital for her nursing training in 1969 as a 17-year-old.

"It was all hospital based in those days and we did block

courses at school for three weeks every three months and we would spend that time in the nursing school," she said.

"The rest of the time we were part of the workforce in the wards as junior nurses."

Pauline said she worked in the profession at Thames Hospital for two years after she graduated

in 1972 before hanging up her stethoscope for nine years to raise her children.

She stitched back her career in 1983 at Health Ngātea where she has practiced ever since.

"Forty years ago in practice nursing, nurses were probably pretty much the doctors assistants, but today nurses have got

the skills to work to the top of our professional scope."

Pauline said she's not planning on hanging up her stethoscope anytime soon.

"While I'm still fit and able and enjoying the job, I'll keep on until I don't want to do it anymore, because I'm here, because I want to be here."

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Keep up to date with the new kerbside collection service starting on 1 September at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling/kerbside-collections-new

Running for mental health

By TALLIS AUSTEN, Paeroa College Student

Paeroa College's Run For A Reason event at Paeroa Domain on June 11 was a huge success.

The purpose of the run was to raise money for the mental health charity, I Am Hope.

The event was organised by student leaders Jamie-Lee Owen and Grier Buchanan to "start a conversation about mental health and bring the community together to show

anyone who may be struggling that they are not alone".

Around 200 students and community members took part to walk or run the four kilometre course from the domain to the Hauraki Rail Trail around the college.

Nearly \$2000 was raised for the charity through participation fees and donations.

Organisers were thrilled with the turnout and said it was "really amazing to see everyone band together and get out there".



A colourful array of runners and walkers make a start from Paeroa Domain.

Photos: TALLIS AUSTEN



Grace Burton, left, Mikaela Bradey, Hamish Buchanan, Mikayla McArthur and Hayley Harris make their way around the course.



Organisers Grier Buchanan and Jamie Lee Owen, right, award the best dressed prize to Miriama moka and Anahera Fenton.



Barry Williams enjoys the run.



Entrants dress up for the event.

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Celebrating volunteers

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New campaign launched to celebrate volunteers

The efforts of Kiwi volunteers will be recognised during a special Big Shout Out, a new campaign for June that encourages everyone to give a shout-out to volunteers.

Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector Priyanca Radhakrishnan launched the campaign ahead of National Volunteer Week on June 18 - 24.

Kiwis were encouraged to "shout out" their local volunteers, either in person or via social media, she said.

"We all know people who generously give their time, energy and expertise to causes they believe in. The Big Shout Out will be about recognising and thanking those volunteers doing what may sometimes seem like thankless tasks."

Volunteers were the backbone of our society, she said.

"For example, 90 per cent of our community organisations are entirely volunteer run.

"We know that around 50 per cent of Kiwis volunteer in some way, shape or form. Their efforts can range from being first responders in emergencies, working to conserve the environment, or to support individuals and families who are struggling."

The severe weather events at the beginning of this year saw the best of volunteering at the front line, she said.



"National Volunteer Week 2023 will be a time we can reflect on these efforts and the role they play to strengthen our communities."

The Big Shout Out was an excellent opportunity to show how much we valued our volunteers, she said.

"I hope everyone will play a part in giving volunteers a right royal shout out this year."

Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu – National Volunteer Week honours the collective energies and mana of volunteers in Aotearoa, who grow our people, open minds, open hearts and create joy.

Tūao Aotearoa Volunteering New Zealand leads this national event, which runs from June 18–24. This year's theme is He wā piataata – time to shine.

DETAILS: More info online at: nationalvolunteerweek.nz.



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Volunteering makes a difference

VOLUNTEERING STATS

New Zealand volunteering data insights using information from Statistics New Zealand's latest quarterly Labour Market Statistics show approximately 21.5 per cent of New Zealanders undertake volunteer work.

The value of formal volunteering is estimated at \$4 billion per annum.

New Zealanders contribute a total of around 159 million hours of formal volunteer labour each year.

11.8 per cent of people undertake informal volunteering work, contributing a total of 7.8 million hours of volunteer labour per year to these figures.

Rates of volunteering for those who are employed are higher than those who are unemployed or not in the labour market. The exception is those over 65 years old, where

the rate of volunteering for those not in the labour market is higher than those who are employed. This is because the proportion of over 65 who are not in the labour market may be higher than those who are employed.

People from European and Māori ethnic groups are the two ethnic groups most likely to volunteer, while Middle Eastern, Latin American and African and Asian are the least likely by volunteer percentage rate. This shows the ongoing challenge of making the volunteering landscape more inclusive to widen the types of people who engage in volunteer work.

Those in professional occupations are more likely to volunteer than those in non-professional occupations: 23 per cent of professionals and managers, versus 16 per cent of labourers and machinery operators.



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Thank you!

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"Our volunteers represent all ages, beliefs and nationalities and are a wonderful example of good people within our community giving back," says Hospice Volunteer Manager Karen Mansfield.

Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer. You are superstars in our eyes!

If you would like to learn more about volunteering on a regular basis, contact Karen Mansfield on 07 859 1260 or email Karen@hospicewaikato.org.nz





Celebrating volunteers



ADVERTISING FEATURE

Help out at the museum

Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga collects, safeguards and displays our district's social history, from Hikutaia to Waikawau and from the earliest settlement by tangata whenua in the 12-1300s through to the goldrush in the late-1800s and on into the early 1970s.

The museum is run entirely by volunteers, who look after administration, care of artefacts, organising displays and front-of-house welcoming and interacting with visitors. To volunteer, you don't need to be an expert on the district's history. All it needs is for you to be passionate about our amazing heritage and be keen to

preserve and share it with others. You can make a difference to the museum's wellbeing with just one half day a month.

Full training is given and we look after our volunteers with morning teas and get togethers.

Volunteering is good for the museum and it's good for you too. You get to meet like-minded people and have the real feel-good of knowing you are helping the museum thrive and stay open six days a week all year round. Volunteering also looks good on your CV. Interested? We would love to welcome you to our team. Pop in or phone 07 868 8509.

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Thames Museum volunteers.

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Michael Earl, left, Peter Young, Helen Appleby, Roseanne Shaw, Shane Deverill, John Armit, Sheila Cummings, Brenda Reid, Harvey Till and Rachel Ross. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

St John members recognised

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

Hato Hone St John celebrated a number of its staff and volunteers on Saturday with an investiture service, welcoming them into the Order of St John.

Ten of those acknowledged were from the Hauraki and Coromandel districts, with one recognised as a commander, three promoted to officer, and six admitted as members.

Their admittance into the Order was due to their exceptional efforts and services to the community and St John.

The Order of St John has its roots in a 900-year-old hospital in Jerusalem, and has been established in New Zealand since 1885.

The charitable organisation runs all of the ambulance services in New Zealand with the exception of Wellington Free Ambulance. It also has a number of

health-related functions within the community, including running op shops, hospital transportation services, providing first aid at events, visiting people in hospital, calling vulnerable members of society, providing first aid courses and community defibrillators, and running a number of youth and community programmes.



Many thanks to the Volunteers who bring the stories and history of the Victoria Battery Site alive for visitors to enjoy and learn about the significant part that this site in Waikino played in the processing of quartz to find the gold that was hidden from sight.

The stories of the Victoria Battery Site are incredibly special and unique so preserving them for years to come is critical. The Society invests a lot of time into the Site which means visitors can discover the site in a way that suits them – they can explore our Museum, jump on board our tram which weaves throughout the Site or head on underground to get a truly one of a kind experience.



To make this happen we need to have more Volunteers who are ready to learn about the history, learn to drive a tram, take people on a tour under ground and in general meet interesting people from New Zealand and around the world.

If you're interested in helping out, come out to the Site on a Saturday or Sunday between 10.00am and 1.00pm

and make your self known to the Volunteers at the Museum, or check out the Volunteering Waikato website: volunteeringwaikato.org.nz.



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CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY



"ALL OUR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE, IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM." WALT DISNEY

We all have dreams – that is what motivates us to keep going and not give up. Most of us care about an issue where we'd like to see change for the better – and that is the number one reason why people become volunteers. Volunteers are crucial to the fabric of our society. In every corner of our towns and cities we can find volunteers – from sports fields and gullies to foodbanks and hospitals. Volunteers are leading the way on equity, sustainability, cultural, health, climate, and social justice issues – chasing those dreams of making something better. The richness, generosity, diversity, and cultural contribution of volunteers is massive, but often unacknowledged and sometimes taken for granted – so giving volunteers their time to shine is vital.

Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu – National Volunteer Week 2023 honours the collective energies and mana of volunteers in Aotearoa. This year's theme – "Time to Shine – He wā pūtaata", gives us the opportunity to acknowledge and highlight the game changing contribution volunteers are making. Volunteers are the biggest workforce in Aotearoa New Zealand – let's celebrate and honour them this week.

Volunteering Waikato also recognise the following nominees from Paeroa, Te Aroha, Thames and Waikato for the 2023 Volunteer Excellence Awards, to be held on Thursday 22 June in Hamilton:

- Robert Bailey, individual category, nominated by the Order of St John
- George Capper, long service category, nominated by the Victoria Battery Tramway Society
- Front & Back of House – Thames Museum, team category, nominated by Thames Museum
- Thames Meals on Wheels, team category, nominated by Te Whitu Ora – Health NZ – Waikato
- St Johns Thames and Paeroa Health Shuttle, team category, nominated by Hato Hone St John (pictured)
- Te Aroha & District RDA Volunteers, team category, nominated by Te Aroha & District RDA Committee
- Caitlin Harris, youth category, nominated by St Johns Paeroa Store

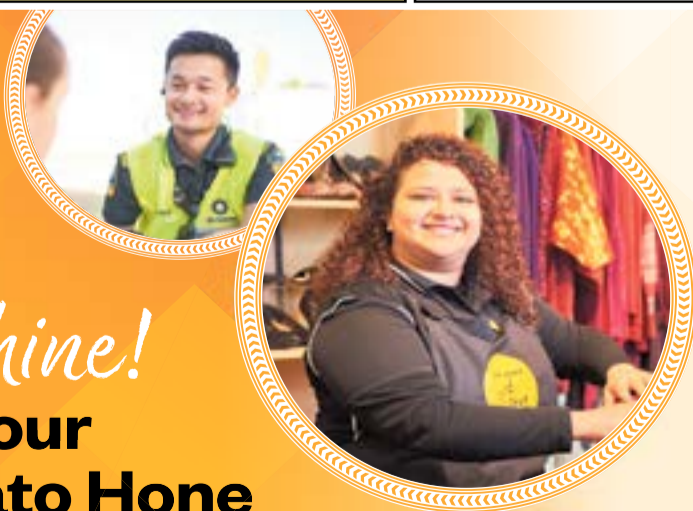


By Chris Atkinson, Regional Advisor, Volunteering Waikato - Te Ohu Tūao o Waikato

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It's Time to Shine!
Thank you to our over 8,000 Hato Hone St John Volunteers



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| 403 Therapy Pets volunteers | 83 Chaplains |
| 86 Peer Support volunteers | 752 local Area Committee volunteers |
| 630 Friends of the Emergency Department, Hospital Friends and Community Carers | 576 Caring Caller volunteers |

*Hato Hone St John does not provide Ambulance Services in Wellington or Wairarapa regions. Not all services are provided in all communities.

Rural Life

Dry soils possible for Hauraki - NIWA

By GORDON PREECE

Hauraki-Coromandel farmers are being warned to prepare for early dry soils this year.

NIWA meteorologist and forecaster Ben Noll told *The Profile* warmer temperatures and strong winds caused by a climate driver in the Pacific Ocean called El Niño was anticipated towards the end of winter, which could cause arid soils.

"The soil temperature being a little bit elevated is a strong possibility and I would also say that in addition to this temperature being elevated, it could, if it is a drier season, cause soil moisture deficit developing in spring," he said.

"This may be a little earlier than you would typically expect, so farmers should prepare for soil moisture deficits later in the year with El Niño."

Ben said there would also be less rainfall in the northern parts of the North Island including the Coromandel this winter period, compared to recent years when winter had produced high rainfall.

"It's been a very wet first half of the year, residents in the Coromandel are very well aware of that with the multitude of extreme rain and weather events... and in many respects [May] was actually more like the weather that typically occurs in April," he said.

"As we look ahead into the winter season and beyond, I think even the general trend for the northern North Island including the Coromandel is towards generally less wet conditions than we have experienced so far this year.

"There is an elevation in the odds that the rainfall could end up being below normal... as opposed to a winter that's very consistently wet and gloomy, so it may be a little bit of good news there with the rainfall."

Ben said the increased chance for lower rainfall this winter in Coromandel was created by high pressure weather systems in the Tasman Sea, which contain lower moisture levels. He also said while the winter temperature would be cooler than previous years, a colder than average winter was "unlikely".

"As we look ahead to the winter and beyond, the airflow pattern may begin to favour more southerly winds, which is not a wind direction we've had all that frequently in the last couple of years," he said.

"A colder than average winter is unlikely but those southerly winds may cause the winter season to be a little bit cooler than our recent couple of winters.

"We've had three consecutive record warm winters and by the looks of it, it would seem unlikely that there is going to be a repeat."



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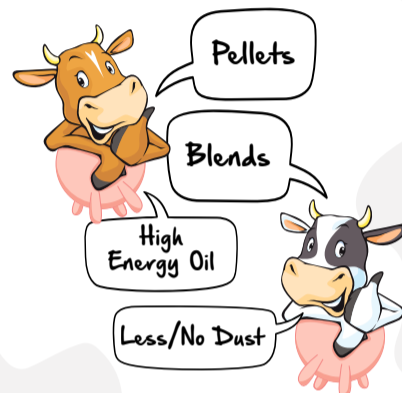
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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



21 June 2023

Our road to recovery

Work to get the district back on its feet after the summer storms is continuing at a pace. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency contractors are due begin in late June on a new \$40 million bridge to reconnect SH25A.

A Business Association Recovery Forum was held in Thames on 13 June to share ideas about a programme of work for each of our district wards to access the \$75,000 each allocated by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to serve the area's business needs.

Our Council's also finalising a Recovery Plan to provide



a clear direction for rebuilding our communities in partnership with our communities, iwi and other stakeholders. The recovery framework establishes four interrelated work streams:

- ensuring businesses thrive and are sustainable
- making infrastructure fit for purpose and resilient
- connecting communities and rural areas
- enhancing our natural environment

and sets out an action plan to achieve this.

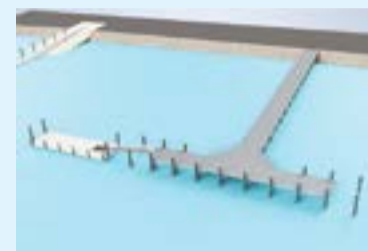
KŌPŪ MARINE BUSINESS UPDATE

Work on the Kōpū Marine Business Precinct is progressing well.

The construction of the recreational boat ramp is starting in late June with firmer than expected ground conditions facilitating the siting of piles. The rock revetment is nearly 90 per cent complete with over 200 metres constructed.

The first sheet piles have been installed, forming the cofferdam around the recreational boat ramp area. All six boat ramp pontoons and the large wharf pontoon have been built and are being stored in Whangārei. The whole project is due to be completed by April 2024.

Find out more about this project at tcdc.govt.nz/kopu



YOUR VIEWS ON CREATE the Vibe

This month we're canvassing local views of the Create the Vibe space so a final decision can be made about the future of this area in Mary Street, Thames.

The street has been closed to vehicles for more than two years so the street can be used as a community space.

We're visiting the space to interview users and there is an online survey you can fill out until 25 June. research.net/r/create-the-vibe
Have your say.

Porritt Park playground

A one-of-a-kind piece of playground equipment, the centrepiece for the imaginative redesign of Thames's Porritt Park playground has been ordered from France and will be installed in October or November this year.

The bespoke piece includes a boat, a climbing tower and lookout.

The project was made possible by a large donation from a philanthropic couple. A further \$500,000 is needed to complete the project. Look out for donation jars at local businesses or take a jar home and contribute your small change.

To get in touch, make a donation or see how you can help, email porrittparkproject@gmail.com



Thames Community Board UPDATE

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

"The future of Thames' Create the Vibe space in Mary Street has been top of the minds of many people I speak to. Please make sure you have your say on The Vibe so that your views count on whether it stays or goes. We're making it as easy as we can for you to contribute through an online survey which closes on 28 June. This is your opportunity to comment on the Mary Street Vibe!"

adrian.catran@council.tcdc.govt.nz

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

The meeting following that is on **Wednesday 2 August**. Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings, where you'll also find meeting agendas and minutes.



A Trail in the Kauaeranga Valley?

A local group has suggested a trail be established in the Kauaeranga Valley. Our Council wants to hear your views on accessing the Kauaeranga River Valley.



Fill in the online survey – open 21 June to 12 July.
surveymonkey.com/r/W8XG5LS

Or pop in to part of a drop-in session between the following times:

- Thames Citizen Band Hall – 301 Queen Street
Wednesday 28 June: 3–6pm
- Thames Bowling Club – 512 Mackay Street
Thursday 29 June: 12 noon – 2pm
- Kauaeranga Valley Hall – 437 Kauaeranga Valley Road
Thursday 29 June: 3–6pm

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SPORTS

Revival for Blue Bulls and Diamonds

CLUB RUGBY

After one of the most disappointing seasons on and off the field in the Hauraki North Rugby club's 115-year history in 2022, a lot of soul searching was done, followed by a powerful lot of work by a lot of people behind the scenes put into place.

The club got into recruiting players for 2023, which allowed them to field Senior A and B teams, after they had to withdraw their Senior Bs in 2022, the first time in 51 seasons that the club only had one team.

The club also took up the challenge of entering a women's team in the Waikato competition. They became history makers as the first ever women's team at Watakaruru in 115 years - the only women's club team in the Thames Valley and the first ever club team in any grade from the Thames Valley to make a Waikato RFU grand final. All these wonderful women travelled from all parts of the Thames Valley and Hauraki Plains, plus we had two girls come over from Ireland to play for the Blue Diamonds.

All this allowed Hauraki North to be the only club in the Thames Valley to field three teams in 2023, while they were also the last club to field three teams in 2015 - Senior A and B and Under 19s.

Having 93 registered players allowed all three teams to perform well in their respective competitions with the Senior As currently in first place, the Senior Bs in second place while the Blue Diamonds finished runners up in their grand final. Hauraki North has now created a record of playing in four different rugby union grand finals: Thames Valley, 1952 - 2019, winning several in the different grades;

Bay of Plenty, 2008, winning the Under 19 championship; Counties Manukau, 2013 and 2015 winning the Under 19 championships, and 2023 runners up in the Waikato women's championship.

This year has also seen several family names from the past appear back in the Royal Blue colours, with some families spanning four generations while several span three generations. One of these players is Max Heaven from the Senior Bs, whose great great grandfather, William O'Neil, played for Waitakaruru 102 years ago in 1921.

So the 2023 history-making season for the Blue Bulls and Blue Diamonds has created scenes at the Waitakaruru Bull Ring/Diamond Mine that haven't been seen for more than 50 years, with massive crowds and a real buzz and vibe thanks to all the hard work of the committee, coaches, managers, sponsors, supporters and of course all the players.

- Peter Mitchell, Hauraki North historian.



Hauraki North's Jordan Matson touches down against Waihou.

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The Blue Diamonds make history for Hauraki North.



Hauraki North was the only Thames Valley club to field three teams this year.

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Foul play suspected in mine death



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** explores our local history by seeking out stories of life and death in the Thames Valley

PART TWO

The incidents surrounding the bizarre disappearance of John McIntosh from a Waihi mining cage in 1916 were mystifying.

At the inquest John Turner, chamber man, said in his four years' experience he had never known such a series of objects to come down a shaft accidentally. T Hollis, shift boss, who had been twenty years with the Waihi Company, said he did not think all the items could have got into the shaft by accident.

It was the first time in his experience that such things had happened. Objects were also coming up the shaft - F Timanus, head battery man and A Toyer, engine driver, said this was the first occasion in their experience in which timber had appeared on the top of a cage.

Mr Gilmour, mine manager, thought that when the cage carrying John McIntosh came into contact with the iron rail, the great pressure of the cage flicked the iron causing it to fly through the hole in the side of the cage, probably strik-



John McIntosh's grave at Waihi cemetery.

Photo: SUPPLIED

ing John McIntosh and knocking him out through the other side. Mr Gilmour stated that he had had to remove a worker employed near the No 2 shaft to another part of the mine, away from all the shafts, owing to suspicion falling on him in connection with the discovery of various articles in the shafts. The man at the centre of the allegations was questioned at length as to his movements on certain levels in the mine. He denied all knowledge of the articles found at the bottom of the shaft. He denied having put timber and other articles down the shafts. He denied having tampered with electric wires.

The Coroner said that although the evidence was strongly against accidental happenings, the evidence against man under suspicion was purely circumstantial. The jury returned a verdict that John McIntosh was struck by an iron rail and knocked out of the cage. The evidence was not sufficient to show how the rail came into the shaft, but the jury was of the opinion that it did

not get there accidentally. They also found that articles were thrown down shafts and this should have been reported to the mine manager immediately, probably preventing the terrible fatality.

In the Warden's Court, the shift boss was charged with having failed to notify promptly the manager that material had fallen down the shaft. He was convicted, and fined one pound.

At a meeting of the Ohinemuri Mines and Batteries Employees' Union, a vote of sympathy for John's widow and the six children was passed.

The incident was a tragedy in several ways. The man thought to be responsible had returned from World War I the year before, medically unfit. He had started work in the Waihi mine a few months previously suffering from concussion and shell shock.

The claustrophobic atmosphere of a dark mine, with its loud noises and flashes of light likely adversely affected him leading to the heartbreaking consequences.

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INGREDIENTS

- 250gm Butter, Softened
- 1 Cup Castor Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- 2 Eggs
- 2 Cups Plain Flour
- 2 teaspoons Baking Powder
- 1 Cup Raspberries (frozen or Fresh)
- 1 Cup White Chocolate Chips

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees celsius, grease and line a 26cm slice tray

with baking paper. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add one egg at a time, then vanilla.

Sift flour and baking powder together then fold into the mix, folding together until it just forms a dough. In the slice tray, add half of the dough and spread out into the corners then press down to make the base. Spread the raspberries and white chocolate chips evenly over the base, then add the remaining dough crumbled over the top. Bake for 35 minutes, until it's golden brown over the whole top.

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Jill aged 73, has lived life to the full, touched many hearts, and is known locally in Paeroa as "Nana Jill".
Jill is greatly loved and will be dearly missed by her best friend and husband Keith; her children Kerry, Kim, Tane and wife Clare, Liam and Lauren, her many moko's and great moko's along with loved nieces and nephews.
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Death Notice

HARVEY, Michael Kenneth:
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SPORTS

Upgraded sports facility for Paeroa college

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

Paeroa College students will soon be able to play winter codes without worrying about the weather.

A grant of \$40,000 from NZ Charitable Trust has enabled the school's Paeroa College Charitable Trust to go ahead with stage one of its planned multi-sports complex.

The complex will be composed of an artificial sand-based turf, suitable for sports including netball, basketball, lacrosse and soccer. The turf will be encircled by a running track.

School principal Amy Hacker said the trust was delighted to finally have the project underway.

"Our sports programme is growing so much - this is the first year we've had a football team, our hockey is growing, we've always had really strong netball and basketball. But we've had a shortage of training facilities," she said.

"Our school roll has grown over the last four years, by 100 students. We are stretched at the gills in terms of our physical education classes. Obviously we have a gym, we have lovely fields but what we haven't had is netball courts or a turf that will enable us to provide our students with a variety of

physical education opportunities."

Stage one of the project, which has already begun, involves digging up the existing, defunct asphalt netball courts on the college grounds. These will be replaced with the new turf. Fencing in the area will also be upgraded.

In stages two and three, the area will be covered with a roof, and changing facilities and lighting will be installed, creating the Hauraki District's first covered sports facility of this type.

"This will be the only full court area that's going to be covered in the district," Board of Trustees member Larn Wilkinson said.

"We've got the equivalent of an indoor facility but without the added ongoing costs that would cripple our community. [It's] long overdue for Paeroa and the Hauraki district."

The trust plans to eventually open up use of the turf to local sports clubs.

"The idea is that it will be primarily for school use particularly during the school day, but our hope is to be able to provide a facility for wider use in the community as well," Amy said.

The Paeroa College Community Trust has been working on developing this facility since its incep-

tion in 2016, but progress stalled when Covid arrived.

"It's just been over the past nine months or so that we've really re-energized it and decided to really get stuck into the fundraising," Amy said.

"I think we'll find we get quite a lot of use out of it and then it'll be easy to write those funding applications for stage two and get it covered."

The Paeroa College Community Trust is made up of community members invested in the growth and development in community and school resources and assets.

"What's been really cool about that for me is to see how much Paeroa College is a community asset, resource, part of the community," Amy said.

"We have people who don't even have children here ... who are on that trust and who really see the importance to growing opportunities for our rangatahi, so that's been really awesome to have that level of community partnership, both from our funders and from the people who have been working hard to raise the money for this to go forward."



Ryan Courtney tees off during the Ambrose 18-hole tournament at Paeroa Golf Club. Photo: SUPPLIED

Thousands chip in for Ryan

By GORDON PREECE

Puriri golfer Ryan Courtney was "super stoked" by the community support who chipped-in between \$25,000 to \$30,000 for his golfing and study excursion in the United States.

The 18-year-old plans to travel to West Virginia in August to study and compete in golf at Wheeling University with the hopes of scoring an engineering science degree and becoming a pro golfer.

Ryan told *The Profile* around 130 golfers were in full swing

for the Ambrose 18-hole golf tournament at Paeroa Golf Club to fundraise for his travels on May 28.

In an earlier article, Ryan said he hoped to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

"I was super stoked and very grateful for the support we had, it was an amazing day and people were very generous in their donations and also in the auctions and raffles," he said.

"The overall feeling of the day and the reactions that I received was that everybody really enjoyed it so I'm very happy with that."

Unleashing the power of wisdom: moving beyond knowledge

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

In this fascinating era of information overload, where answers lie at our fingertips, we find ourselves standing at a crossroads.

The age of the information explo-

sion has ushered in a new paradigm, one where knowledge is abundant, yet wisdom remains elusive. A few clicks on the phone and we can find out the population of Brazil, the best butter chicken recipe ever, or 6 steps to a successful life.

It has now moved to a whole new level with AI chat bots like ChatGPT. I asked it for six steps to living a fulfilled life. It's response:

1. Define your values and priorities: Take time to reflect on what truly matters to you
2. Set meaningful goals: Establish goals that are personally meaningful to you.
3. Cultivate positive relationships: Surround yourself with people who support and inspire you.
4. Practice self-care and well-being: Take care of your physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

5. Embrace personal growth and learning: Seek new experiences, expand your knowledge, and challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone.

6. Contribute to something greater: Find ways to give back and make a positive impact in the world.

Not surprisingly this list is similar to many self help books and research documents. Actually, crazy how much it reflects what we teach in schools. But here's the thing: having knowledge is not enough. We often confuse knowing something with actually doing it. For example, someone struggling with anxiety might dismiss advice because they already know what they should do.

Similarly, someone dealing with addiction might not seek help because they already know the steps to change. And a family struggling

financially might resist budgeting assistance because they think they already know how to do it.

It is not knowledge we need today. It is wisdom in how to use that knowledge and the discipline to practice it. I have been considering this in our resilience programs. We teach and provide incredible experiences to support young people to thrive. And yet without regular opportunities at home and at school to practice the learning we see knowledge become disconnected. We have students who can give us all the right answers to how to detach from hard thoughts, yet when their anxiety kicks up, they don't use the very knowledge that could help.

Our challenge before us not to know more. It is instead to use what we know well. To teach our children

to practice what they are learning. To know what is important to us and walk in that direction. To be disciplined enough to choose in a way that leads us towards the things we value in life.

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- Michael Wilkes is a Living Well Trust Youth Worker

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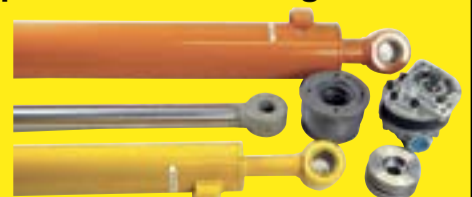
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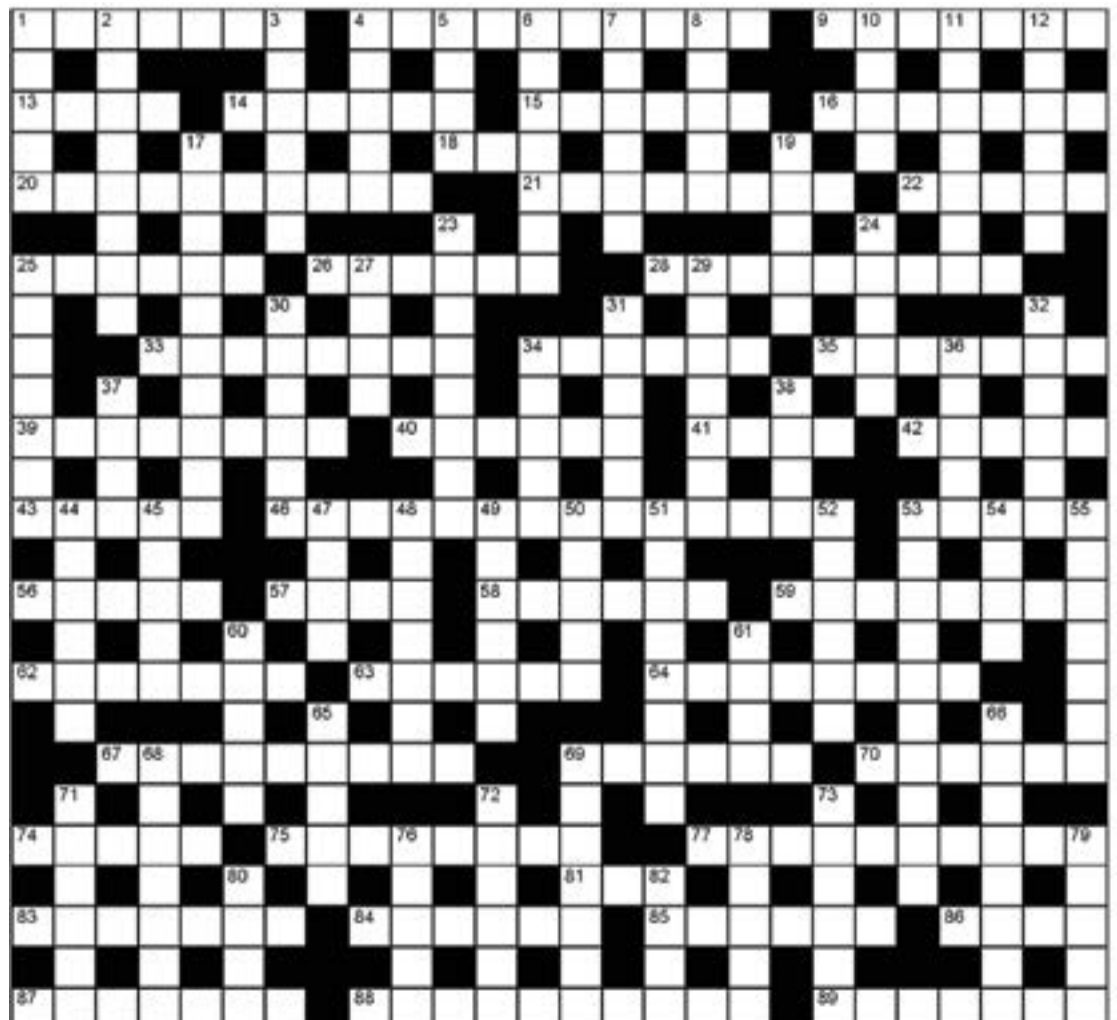
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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wandered from (7)
 - 4 Act prematurely (4,3,3)
 - 9 Student (7)
 - 13 Gambler's stake (4)
 - 14 Snow crystals (6)
 - 15 Bacon slice (6)
 - 16 Mate (7)
 - 18 Large cask (3)
 - 20 Penal sentence (6,4)
 - 21 Mirage (8)
 - 22 Entire range (5)
 - 25 Of cattle (6)
 - 26 Char (6)
 - 28 Consequences of a catastrophic event (9)
 - 33 Abundantly productive (8)
 - 34 Mollycoddle (6)
 - 35 Skin bubble (7)
 - 39 Bridge for water (8)
 - 40 Esprit de corps (6)
 - 41 Exchange (4)
 - 42 Well known (5)
 - 43 Bare (5)
 - 46 Physically or morally upright (8,2,1,3)
 - 53 Waste drain (5)
 - 56 Clown (5)
 - 57 Opera solo (4)
 - 58 Blood vessel (6)
 - 59 Travelling by car (8)
 - 62 Sect (7)
 - 63 Heavenly body (6)
 - 64 Gloaming (8)
 - 67 Travel plan (9)
 - 69 Bulging outwards (6)
 - 70 Curved fruit (6)
 - 74 Glossy fabric (5)
 - 75 Headstrong (8)
 - 77 Conspicuously and offensively vocal (10)
 - 81 Mongrel (3)
 - 83 Tedium (7)
 - 84 Endemic (6)
 - 85 Away (6)
 - 86 Grotto (4)
 - 87 Spendthrift (7)
 - 88 Sustained, unremitting (10)
 - 89 Scrap (7)
 - 1 Astute (5)
 - 2 Fetch back (8)
 - 3 Strike out (6)
 - 4 Playing card (5)
 - 5 Nautical pole (4)
 - 6 Discolour (7)
 - 7 Without difficulty (6)
 - 8 Consumers (5)
 - 10 Persuade gradually (4)
 - 11 Pariah (7)
 - 12 Tree-lined street (6)
 - 17 Reduced in status (10)
 - 19 Lobby (5)
 - 23 Green vegetable (8)
 - 24 Stroll (5)
 - 25 Hagggle (7)
 - 27 Sleeve end (4)
 - 29 Bulb with fragrant coloured flowers (7)
 - 30 Defeathers (6)
 - 31 Single-celled animal (6)
 - 32 Ebb (6)
 - 34 Catch game illegally (5)
 - 36 Gleamed (5)
 - 37 Ice hockey disc (4)
 - 38 Hired car (4)
 - 44 Waterproof jacket (6)
 - 45 Be (5)
 - 47 Sour (4)
 - 48 Non-professional (7)
 - 49 Assigned rankings to (6)
 - 50 Private teacher (5)
 - 51 Close examination (8)
 - 52 Titillating (6)
 - 53 Seer (10)
 - 54 Caprice (4)
 - 55 Boating event (7)
 - 60 Change (5)
 - 61 Donate (4)
 - 65 Packing case (5)
 - 66 Vista (8)
 - 68 Three-pronged spear (7)
 - 69 Idea (7)
 - 71 Eastern temple (6)
 - 72 Civil (6)
 - 73 Meal (6)
 - 76 Hold responsible (5)
 - 78 Desert green spot (5)
 - 79 Perfume (5)
 - 80 Manage (4)
 - 82 Violent anger (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Strew, 4 Tip of the iceberg, 14 Purse, 15 Sabre, 16 Jolly Roger, 17 Cocoa, 19 Bus, 20 Refrain, 21 Interests, 22 Relate, 25 Warehouse, 27 Jargon, 28 Recipe, 33 Tourniquet, 35 Wok, 36 Précis, 37 Lens, 39 Eel, 41 Abandon, 42 Aplomb, 43 Guarantee, 44 Olive, 45 Underdog, 50 Ex, 51 Keepsake, 55 Toast, 58 Contender, 59 Extras, 60 Spectre, 61 Tar, 63 Even, 64 Erects, 65 Nip, 66 Persevered, 68 Canvas, 69 Morsel, 71 Supersede, 76 Shield, 77 Dalmatian, 79 Dossier, 81 Fan, 84 Equal, 85 Perforates, 86 Camel, 87 Stole, 88 Cheek of the Devil, 89 Petty.

DOWN: 2 Trader, 3 Error, 5 Iron, 6 Oblongs, 7 Tureen, 8 Eagle, 9 Curator, 10 Back, 11 Racket, 12 Bribe, 13 Measure, 14 Panacea, 18 Likelihood, 23 Vogue, 24 Lozenge, 26 Arrange, 27 Jukebox, 29 Inertia, 30 Bobbin, 31 Swoon, 32 Silage, 34 Type, 36 Plain, 38 Sieve, 40 Damp, 45 Uncle, 46 Dungeon, 47 Reek, 48 Orders, 49 Darts, 50 Eternal, 52 Expression, 53 Succeed, 54 Kernel, 55 Tractor, 56 Stops, 57 Harp, 62 Gruel, 67 Matinee, 68 Confuse, 70 Shampoo, 72 Unaware, 73 Plough, 74 Stroke, 75 Defect, 76 Snoop, 78 Merit, 80 Stale, 82 Flue, 83 Yeti.

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