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Park design approved, ongoing costs unknown

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

Landscape design plans have been approved for Porritt Park's new destination playground, but the Thames Community Board has yet to decide how much ratepayers will fork out in depreciation costs.

Ongoing operational and maintenance costs of approximately \$6.45 a year per ratepayer are already expected to be included in the district's rates, according to a report updating the board on the project's progress.

However, the cost of depreciation is still up in the air, depending on whether the board opts to fully or partially fund depreciation, or not account for depreciation at all.

If the depreciation is fully funded by ratepayers, all playground equipment will be able to be replaced at the end of its lifespan. Partial funding means

the council will have to make decisions about which pieces of equipment to remove at the end of its life and which to replace, potentially reducing the appeal of the space as a 'destination playground'. Without depreciation funding, expired pieces of equipment will simply be removed with nothing replacing them.

According to the report presented at the board's June 21 meeting, if the board opts to fund depreciation for the playground in full, it could cost an estimated \$13.83 per annum per ratepayer. The total cost per ratepayer could be around \$20.28 per annum, including operational costs.

This is an increase from previous cost increase estimates by the Thames Coromandel District Council. In a September 2022 meeting, the board received a report estimating the operational costs to be \$4.50 per annum, with potential depreciation

costs of \$12.80 a year.

Thames councillor Robyn Sinclair said at the latest meeting that depreciation costs for the playground would not be a completely new charge for ratepayers, as the existing playground also required maintenance and depreciation payments.

"We have already been paying depreciation, we have already been paying [operational costs], so yes this is a charge, but it is not a brand new \$20.28 charge," she said.

The board opted to defer its decision on depreciation costs, recommending instead that the costs be decided in the next long-term plan cycle for the district.

The playground landscape plan, meanwhile, was approved by the board. It includes a bespoke boat and lighthouse play feature inspired by the replica Wakatere Paddle Steamer, which stood on the site between 1969 and 2017. It also features

an accessible seesaw and carousel, a nature play area, scooter track, basketball court, barbecue facility and an accessible 'Changing Places' toilet facility. Some existing features, such as the swings and skate park, will remain.

Council parks and open spaces manager Derek Thompson told board members the new playground would ideally be suitable for play by Christmas, with landscape planting to be completed next winter.

The playground project has a budget of \$2 million. An initial \$1.5 million was donated to the council in 2022 by an anonymous donor, and an additional \$500,000 was approved by the council to cover potential cost increases.

The Thames Business Association has been charged with raising the additional funds.



An artist's impression of the approved layout for the new destination playground at Thames' Porritt Park.

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LETTERS

CREATE THE VIBE ARTICLE

Dear Teresa Ramsey,
The Valley Profile's half-page piece on 21 June with the headline *Create the Vibe survey 'too hard to find'* was based solely on the comments of two individuals.

The reporter approached our council for background information on the survey methodology and at that time was urged not to base an article solely on the comments of people who had approached the paper with their complaint.

The reporter didn't attempt to use basic techniques of journalism to report on how other members of the community have found out about the survey. One of the individuals quoted was able to find the survey, despite her criticism

of it being hard to find. That individual is an active opponent of the project and does not necessarily reflect a general view in Thames. The other comment was from an anonymous shopkeeper, who made a comment about the length of time the survey is open. These two comments do not justify the headline or such a prominent article. In fact, the opposite of it being hard to find is true.

Our survey had 1457 survey responses – one of the highest responses ever. The vast majority of these responses (1374) were made online. In addition, our researcher interviewed 83 people face to face. This is one of the highest totals ever for our consultations – nearly three times the number the people who responded to a survey last year about

aquatic and sports facilities for Thames. We are very pleased with this response and we hope that the *Valley Profile's* reporting in its next issue will reflect it.

- Andrew Boden, Thames-Coromandel District Council infrastructure project delivery manager

VALLEY PROFILE RESPONSE

Our story about the Create the Vibe survey was fair and balanced, with comment from both the opponents of the Vibe, who had concerns about the availability and timing of the survey, and comments from council, which was given the opportunity to respond to those concerns and asked for additional information about the survey. This story represented both sides of the issue, and

also helped bring information about the survey to light for those who may not be subscribers to council's email newsletter or may have missed it.

I stand by my journalist's reporting of this issue, as all stories in the award-winning *Valley Profile* are approved and edited by me. I qualified as a journalist in 1995 and have worked for some of the biggest publications in New Zealand.

In that time, I have never been "urged" by a council to write a story in a certain way such as in the emails our reporter received from council prior to publication.

I also understand the "basic techniques of journalism", which include gathering information and comment from those who represent a sector of

the community, such as Sheryl McConnell, who previously presented council with a petition containing more than 640 signatures.

She had a genuine concern that the survey may not reach those who would like to have their say. This was also expressed to me in person by many members of the public. Without the presence of a scientific survey, it would be impossible to know how many members of the community knew about the survey. However, I expect recent coverage by local media outlets, such as *The Profile* and local radio stations, also helped inform the community about the survey, contributing to the high response.

- Teresa Ramsey, *Valley Profile* managing editor

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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

From Thames to the Pacific for Dame Teuila

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

For Dr Teuila Percival, the health and wellbeing of Pacific people, particularly children, has been a life-long passion.

The newly-appointed Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit has spent her career caring for the Pacific community.

"I grew up in Thames, and my mum and dad were radiographers at Thames Hospital," Dame Teuila said.

"Back in those days there was a real sort of community feel to the hospital. I used to go after school and hang around the department."

Medicine was a comfortable space, she said, and when she developed an interest in science, going to medical school was the obvious choice of career.

"I love clinical work, it's my main job," Dame Teuila said.

"I'm a front line paediatrician, I work at Middlemore in ED and in the wards."

The Samoan health-care provider, who now lives in Auckland, has spent years researching and developing Pacifica-centric healthcare programmes and services. She was a founding member of South Seas Healthcare in Ōtara and the Pacific Medical Association.

She was also involved with the start-up and running of several community services, including a child obesity clinic, Mana Kids school clinics, Moana Connect and school nursing programmes.



Dr Teuila Percival is now a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, following her recognition in the King's Birthday Honours.

Photo: SUPPLIED

"When I started off as a young doctor there was very little awareness or involvement of Pacific people in their own health and the development of healthcare for themselves," Dame Teuila said.

"[These programmes] work really well with Pacific families and high-need families and they provide really good care for them."

"The outstanding example is the Covid-19 pandemic and how

the Pacific community and the providers really worked together. They were kind of left out of the initial planning but once they became involved and got resourced they stood up fantastic services.

"Pacific people had really, really high vaccination rates, they set up services where they looked after Covid patients in the home, they had a huge centre for immunisation, they did really fantastic testing and tracing for their own

community."

Dame Teuila has been no stranger to other disaster events either.

She spends time every year working in clinics in Niue, Samoa, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and other Pacific Islands, and a few times found herself stationed in the midst of a crisis.

"I've developed an interest in responding to disasters from a doctor's point of view. I've

worked in the 2009 tsunami, Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, so I'm really interested in how we look after children in disasters. And that's really important to New Zealand too because we're getting more and more extreme weather events [here]."

Countries like Tuvalu often have very limited resources, she said, and it's a different kind of medicine.

"You have to go back to the old fashioned clinical skills you might have had when you were a young doctor, and you don't have CT scans down the corridor like you do here."

"You have to be prepared to practise medicine in a different way ... and work pretty hard."

Dame Teuila said the work was always very enjoyable no matter where she happened to be, and that was in large part due to the people.

"I always find a great sense of collegiality in whatever I do, no matter what the context. So work might be hard, but it's nice work because you've got good people that you work with," she said.

Her praise for the people extended beyond the workplace too, with the acknowledgement of her family.

"We can't do anything without our family, they're a big team that you return to when times are tough or when times are really good, so I am always very grateful for my family and the support they give me."



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Goldfields School hosted students from Tauranga, Hamilton North and Rotorua specialist schools for its inaugural kapa haka festival on June 20. A performance from Paeroa Central School students kicked off the event, which was held at the Elim Church in Paeroa with friends and family.



Rotorua students wow the crowd with their polished performance.



Paeroa Central students open the festival with a strong performance.



Goldfields School students have fun with their poi during an item.

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Hamilton North students enjoy their performance.



A Tauranga student performs.



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Community treasurer treasures new honour

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

For years, Peggy Barriball has been the go-to treasurer for organisations in Waitakaruru and Thames. Now, the long-time Justice of the Peace (JP) and budget services advisor has a new set of initials to add after her name: QSM.

Peggy was awarded a Queen's Service Medal in this year's King's Birthday honours for her services to the community. And there have been a lot of them.

Since moving to the Hauraki Plains in 1971, she has been involved with the NZ Plunket Society, Waitakaruru Playcentre Association, Western Firth Catchments Group Trust, Family Safety Services Trust, Seagull Centre Trust, Thames Valley Special Olympics, Waitakaruru Community Hall Committee, Waitakaruru School Calf Club, Hauraki Plains Agricultural Club Group Day, Treasury Research Centre and Archive, A Place at the Table Trust, and Trust Wai-kato. She is or was the treasurer for many of these groups.

She has also been a JP for 13 years and a budget financial advisor at Thames Budgetary Services for 16 years. There's probably more, she said; over the years she's been involved with many different areas of the community.

"As my aunt always said, 'if you want something done, ask a busy person,'" Peggy said.

"And as my daughter says, 'you've got to learn to say no!'" Peggy said she has always



Peggy Barriball has received a Queen's Service Medal for services to the community.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

loved numbers, as well as helping people.

"I find organisations have trouble getting treasurers, and so I've been able to help them out in that way," she said.

"Funding's always an issue. But your best asset in any organisation's always your people."

Each of the causes are something close to Peggy's heart. Plunket and Playcentre were there for her when she was new to the area with a young family.

"The Plunket Society and supporting the young mums is very important. Especially around here in the rural areas," she said.

"Young mums probably feel a bit of isolation, especially if they don't have the support of their family around them."

School groups came later on, as her own children and then grandchildren grew up. Even now, she's remained involved with the school.

"Yeah, they keep calling me

back to do things. Which is great! I'm the [calf club] chief recorder now."

Peggy's service with the JP Association was also instigated by someone asking her to join. She established a JP service desk in Ngatea to provide notary services to the rural community in Hauraki Plains.

"The JPs are a really good group of people to work with. You meet lots of different people with that too."

"We set up the service desk, and we've got one in Ngatea, one in Thames and I think Whitianga, Waihi. And that's so that ... there's a regular date, a regular time a JP will be there."

With her love of figures, working at Thames Budgeting Services was also a natural step.

"If you help somebody get out of the financial ... it's a real bonus. A lot of them you can't but just the one every now and then will be a great success."

And no matter what she was involved with, there was always something new to learn, and new people to help.

"My eight years on Trust Wai-kato ... the communities that we went around to and seeing what they were doing and what they needed - yeah, I learnt a lot from that," she said.

"Mind you, I've learnt a lot from every organisation. It's continuous, you can never stop."

"You can't be successful without a team of people around you. Any success you have is a team effort, it's not just a personal one."

Receiving the Queen's Service Medal, Peggy said, was also a team effort, with her family heavily involved in community service as well.

"I wish to thank the person or persons who nominated me for this award. As you know I don't get to find out who this is but to think they consider me worthy of the award is very humbling."



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Deputy chief fire officer and JP honoured

By GORDON PREECE

Derek Collier was “totally blown away” upon being honoured for his community service.

The Whitianga Volunteer Fire Brigade deputy chief and Justice of the Peace [JP] received the Queen’s Service Medal in the 2023 King’s Birthday and Coronation Honours for services to Fire and Emergency New Zealand and the community.

Derek, who has lived in Whitianga for six decades, said his honour was an appreciation of the work his fellow brigade and JP members do for the town.

“I was totally blown away and thought to myself I’m sure there’s other people who deserve it far more than I do,” he said.

“It’s definitely not something that I have done all by myself, it’s the other members of the brigade, the other JPs in town, and especially my family.

“If anyone probably deserves this award, it’s probably my wife Jenny, who is also extremely involved in the local community.”

Derek said he first suited up at Whitianga Volunteer Fire Brigade in 1987.

“My grandfather, [Douglas Butcher], was the chief fire officer of the Stratford Fire Brigade and he actually received



Derek Collier, QSM, said his honour was dedicated to the Whitianga Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Justices of the Peace in Whitianga.

Photo: SUPPLIED

the Queen’s Fire Service Medal, and he was also the president of the United Fire Brigades’ Association,” he said.

“That gave me a little bit of inspiration to step up and join, and back then the fire brigade

needed a couple of extra people involved and I was approached by them and I said yes, and the rest is history.”

Derek said he had been heavily involved in training recruits and was the senior station of-

ficer for nearly 20 years prior to being appointed its deputy chief in 2018.

He also competed in New Zealand and Australia with the brigade’s road crash rescue team for ten years.

“The comradery of the brigade is the biggest thing, it’s like a big family... we all work well with each other and it’s a great community group to be part of,” he said.

“We were obviously well recognised when we had Cyclone Gabrielle come through earlier this year, our boys were very busy for a couple of days but it’s just being a part of the community, helping the community when the community is in need.”

The 61-year-old said he had also served as one of 14 Whitianga JPs from his sports retail store on the main street for 18 years.

He is regularly involved with the Hauraki Justice of the Peace Association, mentoring newly appointed JPs and contributing to education sessions held in Whitianga.

“[In 2004] some of the local JPs were finding the workload was getting too much and they approached me and asked if I would be interested in helping the JP society to relieve the workload,” he said.

“Myself and all the other JPs in Whitianga do a fair bit of work around the area.”

Derek said he also flew commercially for ten years with Mercury Airlines, which operated an emergency air ambulance service, transporting patients to Auckland.

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Restoring justice life's work for Shirley

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

For Dr Shirley Jülich, her life's work in restorative justice has had a very personal bent. Now, she's been recognised by the Crown for her work, as an officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

The Whitianga resident has been a champion of restorative justice since the mid-1990s, helping survivors of sexual abuse experience a sense of justice during their journey to recovery.

Having been a victim of child sexual abuse herself, Shirley said the most helpful part of her recovery process wasn't the court hearings, but the family meeting her father held, where the perpetrator was made to take accountability for his actions.

"When I thought back about all of that ... I just thought the thing that gave me an experience of a sense of justice was a family meeting that my father had convened, and the only thing that was wrong with it was that it had no follow up," Shirley said.

"When I had just started my PhD, I thought, 'that's what I think would be good to find out about, what other survivors thought', so that's what drove my research."

Shirley's research led to



Dr Shirley Jülich, ONZM, has spent her career helping victims of sexual abuse find a sense of justice and closure.

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Project Restore, an initiative offering a survivor-led restorative approach to addressing sexual violence. The organisation holds meetings or hui between the offender and victim, along with support people and specially trained facilitators, to directly address the harm done.

"That's what victims want. They want to tell their story in a safe forum. If they go to court, they don't often get the

opportunity to tell their story," Shirley said.

"They want to hear the offender take on responsibility and demonstrate accountability. And they want to feel vindicated that there has been some censure against the offender.

"That will then give them a sense of justice. And a sense of justice, of course, is one of the prerequisites for having a sense of closure to be able to move

on."

Project Restore is accredited by the Ministry of Justice, and receives referrals from the courts for anyone who pleads guilty to a sexual violence case.

"We've got I believe a gold standard type programme addressing sexual violence," Shirley said.

"And we also have some funding to allow some community referrals.

"It's interesting to know that more than 90 per cent of us will report our car stolen, but only 10 per cent of us will report our bodies violated. So that funding is in recognition that the majority of survivors of sexual violence don't report their experience to anybody."

Project Restore was now seen as a leader in the field, Shirley said, and she was proud of everything the programme had achieved.

"We have the mechanism in law that allows us, it's not an alternative system - it's an extra layer to justice. That's the restorative part. I'm really proud. I'm proud that my research is being accessed through the [Massey University] library.

"It's exciting that people are using my work."

Shirley, who is an associate professor at Massey University, said the public hadn't always been so accepting of her work. "Back in the 90s, whenever there was anything in the paper about my work you'd get emails putting us down... it was appalling," she said.

"[Lately] I haven't had a thing so ... I wonder if the public has grown up. I think it's a little change in attitude.

"I just think, what a difference to the 90s."



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Miniature horse ropes in social media herd

By GORDON PREECE

A small ginger horse who is hot to trot has conquered more than 260,000 social media followers.

Geoffry the Conqueror, who is currently based at a Waikino farm, has touched the hearts of many around the world for his courage to cross kilometres of coastline, swim in deep water, and tackle bushland.

Owner Rachael Jenks told *The Profile* the Facebook page that had now roped in more than 260,000 followers since it was established in 2017, was “almost too much for my brain to comprehend”.

“It was definitely unexpected - it was just a thing that some friends had suggested when he used to come to horse camps and stuff and they were like, ‘oh, he’s so cute, you should start a Facebook’,” she said.

“I remember when I got to 200 likes and I was like, oh my gosh that’s so many likes, imagine 200 people in the same room... and now it’s [260,000], that’s almost too much for my brain to comprehend, but it’s cool.”

Rachael said she had also sold calendars featuring images of Geoffry and his “sidekick” Dougal the donkey for four or five years.

“I sold 1000 a couple of years ago, and every year their numbers go up. I send them to America, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, and random places I haven’t even heard of,” she said.

Rachael said she assumed the images of Geoffry the Conqueror galloping in New Zealand’s environment won people over.

“People absolutely love the New Zealand scenery and just the freedom that Geoffry represents,” she said.

“In my videos, there’s always a horse or two running free with Geoffry, he’s got his little sidekick, Dougal the donkey, or sometimes my two horses are running free. People just can’t fathom that life if they’re living overseas in apartments or whatever.”

“Even if people do own horses,



Geoffry the Conqueror and Dougal enjoy the beach.
INSET: Geoffry enjoys his freedom.
Photos: KATE BASKOVA

they don’t have the same freedom to run free on beaches, and it’s just that free life that people just love to see, horses running and enjoying what they do.”

Rachael said she purchased Geoffry the Conqueror off Trade Me in 2011 while she was living in her hometown, Katikati.

“I was never allowed a miniature horse, my mum and dad said no, and they went away on holiday for... about four days and I rang up mum to tell her that I saw [Geoffry] on Trade Me,” she said. “I was like ‘you know that miniature horse that is at the neighbours place, it’s on Trade Me, I’m going to buy it’, and they just sort of laughed it off, and they came home and there were little muddy hoofprints through the house.”

“They were like, ‘ah, you’ve bought that horse haven’t you’, and I had bought the horse with the emergency \$200 they had

left me for food.”

Rachael said Geoffry the Conqueror “makes their day” for those who encounter him.

“I’ll be walking along [Waihi Beach] and look back and there’s a child walking along with Geoffry and Dougal,” she said.

“People will comment that [Geoffry has] made my day because if they look like they want to approach, we’ll stop and let them pat them and they’ll say they’re very friendly and give them a scratch.”

“I’ve taken them to old people’s homes as well, and all the old people have a story about how they used to ride to school on a horse and ‘there was usually five of us on a horse but much bigger than this horse’, but it absolutely makes their day as well because it keeps the memories for them.”

DETAILS: Follow Geoffry at: facebook.com/geoffrytheconqueror.



Dougal, Rachael Jenks and Geoffry the Conqueror.
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105k attend Fieldays

Fieldays, the largest agricultural event in Southern Hemisphere, has just wrapped its 55th year.

With an audience comprising of both newcomers and Fieldays stalwarts, the event once again demonstrated a remarkable level of engagement and connectedness, organisers say.

With this being the first winter event with the international borders open since 2020, Fieldays brought together individuals, business leaders and decision makers from various corners of the globe, to create invaluable relationships and partnerships that will facilitate knowledge-sharing and champion New Zealand-led innovation.

“It’s been a truly wonderful four days,” New Zealand National Fieldays Society chief executive Peter Nation said.

“When the gates opened on a Wednesday morning under a blanket of fog and sun and positivity on the horizon, the buzz was great, and you could feel the positivity and excitement within hours of opening.

“In the face of economic and regulatory changes ahead for the primary sector, there was a profound spirit of camaraderie and buoyancy” Mr Nation said.

“With just over 105,000 attendees through the gates in the past four days, it had a different feel to our audience at the end of the last year”.

A number of the 75,000 who came through in November, only six months prior, were newcomers to Fieldays.

“To be welcoming back many of those who hadn’t been here since 2021 was humbling.

“Effectively we have welcomed over



Crowds flock to Fieldays at Mystery Creek. Photo: SUPPLIED/FIELDDAYS

170,000 to Fieldays in just 12 months.”

Once again Fieldays provided the ultimate platform to showcase New Zealand’s agricultural excellence, he said.

“The event served as a compelling testament to the unwavering resolve and determination of the agricultural community.

“Like the main event, the Fieldays Innovation Awards celebrated their 55th anniversary proving that the sector has a huge runway for growth and driving the primary sector forward.”

Planning is already underway for Fieldays 2024, building on the successes of the past week.

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Rural Life

Climate policy welcomed

Federated Farmers gives the recently announced National Party climate policy “five stars”, the farming organisation’s president Wayne Langford says.

“We released a rural roadmap outlining our 12 key policy priorities for restoring farmer confidence this election.

“That roadmap included a clear call for the next government to urgently review our methane reduction targets, support the better use of technologies, and to re-think our ETS forestry rules,” Mr Langford said.

“We’re really pleased to see the National Party have picked up on those important issues and are making commitments to put in place solutions that will work for farmers. It shows that they’ve been listening to farmers’ concerns.”

National’s climate change spokesperson Simon Watts said around half of New Zealand’s greenhouse gas emissions came from agriculture.

“Finding a sustainable pathway to reduce agricultural emissions, when we are among the most emission efficient farmers in the world, without decimating our most important economic sector is a major long-term challenge for New Zealand,” he said.

“National is up for that challenge and that is why... we announced we will remove the ban on gene technologies, which will help give farmers the tools they need to reduce methane emissions through gene edited crops, feed, and livestock.

“National supports the recognition of on-farm sequestration, allowing landowners to earn Emissions Trading Scheme credits through other forms of carbon capture besides tree planting, such as restoring wetlands. This will reward those who put effort into removing carbon from

the atmosphere and bring us closer to our emission targets.”

Langford said farmers would be particularly pleased to see a firm commitment to review the current unscientific and unrealistic methane reduction targets that could only have been achieved through unacceptable reductions in sheep, beef and dairy production.

“Putting a price on emissions to drive blindly towards those targets would be absolutely devastating for farmers, rural communities and the New Zealand economy,” he said.

“We can’t just reduce emissions by farming less and planting productive farmland in pine trees - we need to be looking to new technologies whether that be methane inhibitors, vaccines or gene-editing.

“New Zealand farmers are committed to doing our bit to stop additional warming, but the policies that support emissions reductions need to be pragmatic, sensible and fair,” Langford said.

DairyNZ said delaying agriculture emissions pricing until technology was in place and targets reviewed was a step in the right direction.

DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel said if a New Zealand government was going to price agricultural emissions, then the pricing system must be fair and practical for dairy farmers.

“Dairy farmers are already world leading – because of that, we need to continue to invest in new technology and mitigation options to hold that position,” he said.

“Before any emissions pricing system is introduced, there must be clarity about emissions targets and how any pricing mechanism will work, along with how all these factors work together.

“We must get the details right.”

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SPORTS



Lola Harris, of Ngatea Primary School, tries her best to avoid having her tag ripped.

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Mud & mayhem at rippa finals

Thirty five teams of rip-pa rugby players from around a dozen primary schools competed in the Thames Valley Rip-pa Rugby finals tournament at Paeroa Domain on June 21. A morning of rain turned the fields to mud, which added to the fun for some.

TERESA RAMSEY caught some of the action.



Te Puru School's Louie Dryden, 8, had some fun in the mud.



Mercury Bay Marlins have a break from the mud.



Netherton's Zeeva Hayes evades her opponent.



Ngatea's Felix Latham is about to lose his tag.



Hikutaia's Kiana Parata-Bidois defends her tag.

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Trout breeding established



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.

1884

Trout breeding on the Paeroa Estate was a successful venture for Geoffrey Maclean, who had received a large installment of 3000 ova from the Acclimatisation Society. At a considerable sacrifice of time and with much perseverance, he succeeded in stocking the creeks of the Paeroa, Horahora, and Okoroire districts with speckled English brown trout.

Two thousand five hundred fish hatched - a proportion rarely achieved in the province. In the fish house were hatching out troughs, which, instead of receiving the water one from the other, were supplied simultaneously and independently of each other, avoiding the possibility of transmitting disease.

In transporting the fish a distance of nearly ten miles, tanks were placed on a dray and so arranged that a constant supply of water was kept flowing in at one end and out at the other.

Keeping the water perfectly still ensured the fish would survive the journey. Although the



Trout fishing on the Waihou River.

Photo: SUPPLIED

undertaking was more patriotic than profitable, settlers were encouraged to take part in this very deserving work.

TARARU CAB MOOTED

When business obliged George Harcourt to walk to Tararu, he observed there was no cab on the Bank Corner at Grahamstown when he started at 11am and none on his arrival at 12.45pm. Was this road not worthy of having an advertised cab, say three times a day? he asked.

Residents might then have an opportunity of arriving on the asphalt with less than an inch of dirt on their boots. Four cabs usually stood either at Grahams-town or Shortland. People could never get them separate. He suggested that a spirited proprietor could organise a Tararu cab starting from the Corner, say at 9am, 12pm and 4pm and return 30 minutes later. "Kindly ventilate", he signed his letter to the editor.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Messrs Bradley and Co dispatched their driver of the mail coach, Alf Rowe, to Thames from

Te Aroha in a light four wheel trap, recently purchased for this job, and known as a Gortland wagon, to which were attached a pair of smart bay horses.

All went well until a part of the road which lay right at the foot of the Karangahake gorge. Here there was a very sharp turn, in a place where the road was only 10 feet wide.

On the left hand side was a high bank; on the opposite was an almost perpendicular drop of some ten or twelve feet on to the creek bed. There was no protection at all, from a bank or rail.

Just as the vehicle came round the corner one of the horses shied, and before the driver had time to avoid an accident, the whole vehicle went over the bank, the two occupants being pitched right across the creek bed.

One horse was killed and the wagon badly damaged, but the driver and passenger had a miraculous escape. Several alterations were urgently needed at this part of the road to make it safer for traffic.

Youth trust seeks support

By GORDON PREECE

The Living Well Trust is hosting a series of promotion stands at PaknSave Thames each Thursday in the coming weeks to boost financial support.

The trust provides youth work in primary and secondary schools in Thames and Paeroa to restore hope, instil an appreciation for life, and inspire positive decisions towards a fulfilled life.

Co-ordinator Michael Wilkes told *The Profile* the trust currently had a funding gap.

"If we can get regular people in the community supporting what we do financially, then it's just so much more sustainable than the traditional approach of looking for grants all the time," he said.

"I've been hoping to increase individual support by 40 to 50

grand a year, which feels like a big number but if we had 50 people giving ten bucks a week we'll be getting there.

"That money goes straight into the cost of programmes and then paying for staff time to provide the programmes."

Michael said the trust had three current staff and planned to introduce another two towards next year.

"We've definitely got some interesting demand from a lot of people in schools locally but then also, there's other groups outside of the region that are wanting to explore taking on the programme," he said.

"There's lots of parents who see the value of what we do in their kids and we still get great feedback from parents."

DETAILS: More information online at: livingwell.org.nz.



Michael Wilkes held the first of many Living Well Trust promotion stands outside PaknSave Thames on June 15. Photo: GORDON PREECE

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A home can lose upwards of 30 per cent of its heat through windows. Photo: PIXABAY

Simple ways to save money this winter

Consumer NZ, Warmer Kiwi Homes and the Electricity Authority have teamed up on a campaign to provide free and easy tips to help people keep their home warm and healthy this winter; and save up to \$500 in the process.

The campaign's headline is 'Find money in weird places', and it focuses on how everyone can make savings by making tiny changes.

Consumer's latest nationally representative survey shows three in five New Zealanders are concerned about the cost of energy.

"We know the cost-of-living is hitting many people hard," Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said.

"New Zealanders' wallets are having to stretch further than ever, and for some it's the first time they have had to worry about covering the essentials".

One place where everyone can make a saving is on their household energy costs.

Check your power plan

All electricity is the same, no matter where you buy it from. You may as well get it for the cheapest price you possibly can.

"Make sure you are on the best plan for your household," Electricity Authority chief executive Sarah Gillies said.

"The more households shop around for electricity on a regular basis, the more electricity retailers improve their products, services and pricing.

"Users of the Powerswitch comparison site, typically save between \$300 and \$400 per year when they change plan.

"It's a free and easy comparison service. It only takes a few minutes to enter your details and compare the plans and providers available," she said.

Get the most out of your heat pump

"Heat pumps are great for heating bigger or less well-insulated spaces, because the running costs are so low – but it pays to know how to get the most out of it and maintain it properly," Warmer Kiwi Homes manager Henry Nepia said.

"For anyone wanting to stay warm without breaking the bank, using a heat pump efficiently is a game-changer," he said.

Warmer Kiwi Homes offers government grants of 80 per cent of the cost of ceiling and underfloor insulation, and up to 80 per cent of the cost of an energy-efficient heater to eligible households.

Cranking up the heat pump temperature on a cold day won't make it work faster, but it will make it work harder and cost more money.

If you tend to have the heat pump setting high, choosing to keep it at its optimum setting of between 19 and 21 degrees could save you up to \$320 a year.

Take a few minutes every two months to clean your heat pump filters. A clean heat pump will be more efficient and will save you money on your power bill.

Switch off appliances at the wall when you're not using them

If something is plugged in at the wall but not being used, it's probably still sucking up your power. Devices with a stand-by light are even more likely to be an unwanted drain on your household power bill. Take a few seconds to switch your appliances off at the wall – this could save you up to \$100 a year.

Shorten your showers to five minutes

A long hot shower provides a moment of bliss on a cold and blustery day. However it's useful to know that longer, 15-minute showers are surprisingly heavy on the wallet: about one dollar each. Cutting showers down to five minutes could save \$5 per person per week. Set a timer to help you keep your showers short.

Change your washing machine settings to cold wash

A cold wash performs well for a general-use wash and uses a quarter of the electricity per load than a warm wash.

A family doing four loads of laundry per week stands to save about \$50 per year by switching to a cold laundry setting.

Time to insulate your home

As temperatures drop, energy use, costs, and waste inevitably begin to rise. With the ever-increasing need to lower our carbon footprint, it makes sense for homeowners to consider various ways to lower their homes' energy consumption.

While you may have already considered investing in energy-efficient appliances and heat pumps, water heater insulation, and/or solar panels, you may well have overlooked a key aspect of your home that's in dire need of insulation. That aspect? Windows.

On average, a home can lose upwards of 30 per cent of its heat through windows alone. That's because glass is not inherently insular. The more windows a home has, the more energy will be lost. This also means that you as a homeowner will likely need to run your heating system at a higher temperature and/or for longer periods of time. In this case, it won't really matter how energy efficient your home might be

in other areas, as whatever gains might be made will eventually be outweighed by the loss.

To combat this issue, be sure to check your windows' age, as older windows are generally less energy-friendly. You could also consider double-glazing your windows if they aren't already – or check if it might not be time to replace old double-glazed windows with newer ones.

You will also want to check window seals and joinery, as windows that don't seal well will not be able to effectively trap in heat. While wood frames tend to be the generally more effective option, this material is not as long-lasting. It may be beneficial for you to, instead, invest in aluminium joinery, as this material creates a good seal, looks stylish, and is 100 per cent recyclable.

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Wrong heater could cost dearly

For many, making the leap to installing a heat pump is an expensive gamble. However, "understanding the pros and cons of heat pumps versus portable heaters can save users money in the long run", says Mark Milmine, owner of 100% Thames and Whitianga.

Portable heaters have their place. Understanding the basic costs and benefits of each type of portable heater could avoid a disappointing result.

Heat pumps are now well-established as the primary heat source for kiwi homes. Further, a heat pump can cool a room as well as heat it, allowing you to use it as an air conditioner. Before choosing a size, style or model of heat pump, you need to consider their pros, cons and cost-effectiveness.

Pros include: warm, dry and comfortable; lower heating costs (usually); dehumidifying; air filtering; cooling. Cons include: noise; not so good in low temperatures; draughts/breeze; initial \$ outlay.

100% Thames and Whitianga only stock reputable brands of heat pumps, including Panasonic, Mitsubishi Electric and Fujitsu. A free, no-obligation quote is the only way to ensure the right model is selected to heat the target space efficiently.

Electric heaters can be expensive to run and aren't usually powerful enough to keep living areas warm. However, their low purchase price means they're often the best value for money in small spaces like the bedroom or study, or to provide a short-term boost for spaces heated by heat pump or wood fire.

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If the soil is dry enough the empty spaces in the vegetable garden can be cultivated, fertilised with blood and bone and sheep pellets and then planted out. You can also apply a heavy dressing of compost and leave as a mulch on the surface to be dug in later if you don't want to plant straight away.

Sow your favourite veges like cauliflower, lettuce, potatoes, silverbeet, kale and cabbage. Protect where possible with cloches.

Continue harvesting carrots, cabbage, kale, leeks, lettuce, mesculun, rocket, silverbeet if lucky enough to have all this produce in your garden.

When planting new crops make sure you put plenty of slug bait and derris dust around the seedlings to protect from pests.

In containers under shelter, plant seeds of - broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, onions, carrots, parsnips and beetroot.

In the flower garden now is the time to plant camellias, viburnum, hellebores, dianthus, leucadendrons, violets, daphne, kowhai and flowering kale.

In the fruit garden it is all about planting new season fruit trees and getting those strawberry plants in. Check for earliest signs of bud movement on early season

plums and peaches. Inspect terminal leaf buds critically. Green tip sprays are vital for control of leaf curl and bladder plum infections. Apply copper oxychloride or similar. Prune your deciduous fruit trees now. Ensure that your cutting tools are clean and sharp and clean and protect cuts with a pruning paste.

Citrus - Harvest citrus using secateurs to prevent damage to the trees. Cold temperatures are responsible for intensifying skin colour but it doesn't necessarily indicate full maturity. Provide protection against cold. Grapes - Select the strongest growing canes when pruning. Cut out old wood which bore last season's fruit. Remove those which are thin and weak. Passion-fruit - Apply copper oxychloride to protect against grease spot disease. Berry fruits- Complete pruning. Strawberries - Carefully cultivate around plants, side dress with a balanced NPK fertiliser. Mulch with either peas straw or pine needles.

Winter colour when the leaves change can be stunning and berries such as idesia, holly and pyracantha brighten the garden as well. To promote healthy rose bushes and a fabulous floral display, there are two simple steps to take during winter. Prune and Spray. Completely remove any dead stems (usually grey) then prune each stem to just above an outward facing bud.

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Hauraki District Council Meetings - July 2023

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Taramaire Drainage District Committee
Thursday, 6 July 2023, 9.00am
Ngatea Service Centre

Western Plains Drainage District Committee
Thursday, 6 July 2023, 10.30am
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Regulatory Hearings Committee
Monday, 10 July 2023, 9.00am (if required)

Planning Committee
Monday, 17 July 2023, 9.00am

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President Jacquie Mitchell said the club's Rotary District, which encompasses most of the eastern side of the North Island, had been the beneficiary of overwhelming and heart-warming financial support from many generous clubs and individuals throughout New Zealand and even from Australia.

"These funds are to be used to assist with recovery from the disastrous floods experienced by the district," she said.

"The Thames Club is the only Rotary Club on the peninsula, and we are aware that there are those further from Thames who need assistance.

"We would like to hear from any individual or group who is still experiencing cyclone related difficulties."

DETAILS: Applications for funding, outlining what the money would be spent on, should be sent to the Thames Rotary Club, giving your contact details, at thames.rotary@gmail.com before Friday, June 30.

In Brief

KINDY POP UP SHOP

The Pop Up Shop, a benefit event for Thames Coast Community Kindergarten, will be hosted at the Thames Squash Club on July 1 at 6pm.

The Pop Up Shop is an opportunity for shoppers to buy quality second hand adult clothing and enjoy a fun evening out in Thames all while supporting Thames Coast Community Kindergarten's fundraising efforts. Clothing is donated by locals, and this year designer fashion brands Twenty Seven Names, Citta, One Teaspoon, AS Colour, Recycle Boutique and Brixton have also come on board. These coveted items will be sold by silent auction.

"We are thrilled to be hosting this event again," Thames Coast Community Kindergarten chair Justina Lardner-Burke said.

"Last year the queue was out the door, the vibe was great and shoppers purchased some stunning clothing for bargain prices. This year builds on this experience and promises to be even better.

"This is an important event to support our Kindy fundraising efforts, so we really appreciate everyone who has donated clothing and purchased their tickets to come along."

In addition to clothing donated by our community, the kind has also secured sponsorship for some premium items, which will be auctioned.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$25 pre-sale and \$30 on the door and are redeemable in clothing. Pre purchase tickets: email kindy.pop.up.opshop@gmail.com. Clothing prices range from \$5 - \$40, with select special items priced at a little more, sizes available are 6-20. The event includes clothes for sale, cash bar, auction, raffles, a cash bar and EFTPOS.

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The Far Out Folk Club is back after a break due to the closing of The Backroom in Thames. Founding member Dylan Lajunen said a new venue had been sourced for the monthly open mic, open stage event on the first Friday of each month at Te Kura o Te Kaueranga - Thames South School Hall.

"Our mission is to create a welcoming, supportive space for performing artists and audiences to come together. The stage is open to all kinds of performance artists - to the sharing of stories, songs, dances, poems, humour and more."

Artists of all skill levels were welcome, from absolute beginners to seasoned professionals, he said. "We also encourage those who are not performers to come along to listen and connect with other like minds.

"A regular performance venue that is relaxed and low key but with a quality sound system and a receptive, appreciative audience is a really valuable platform for any performer.

"The several monthly sessions we have had so far have been rewarding for everyone who has been involved, and there are regular performers who will be really happy to return and practice the art of sharing their gifts with the world."

DETAILS: The first session will be held at the hall at 7pm on July 7, \$5 entry. For more details contact faroutfolkclub@gmail.com.

KIAIDO RYU MARKS 40 YEARS

Kiaido Ryu Martial Arts is having another huge get together in Thames on June 30 and July 1 for gradings as well as their annual mid-year Ball.

This year they're also celebrating a milestone of 40 years since Lance and Ava Strong began their first Karate classes in Thames in 1983. Over this 40-year period, Lance and Ava also developed twelve other Kiaido Ryu schools, now run by senior ranked instructors, with Thames Dojo being the 'Hub' for all the other Kiaido Ryu Martial Arts Dojo.

In Thames, 50 junior students and 40 senior students train year round every Tuesday and Thursday at the Jack McLean Community Recreation Centre. Lance said more than 140 martial arts students and their supporters will attend the upcoming annual gradings.

"Students and instructors will come from - Thames, Auckland, Tauranga, Katikati, Taupo, Hamilton, Bombay, Putaruru, Taupo, Hawera, and even from as far north as Kawakawa.

"They'll all converge on Thames with the aim to grade for their next belt levels."

Every year, Kiaido Ryu has two large gradings: one in July, one in December, and at this time students and their supporters travel to Thames. "Many stay over and make a weekend of it, and also support the local hospitality industry."

DETAILS: Gradings will begin on Friday, June 30, at 7pm with 10 people aiming to attain Black Belt 4, including Thames students. All other ranks gradings begin from 10am on July 1. There is no charge for members of the public, who are welcome to attend and watch any or all of the gradings.

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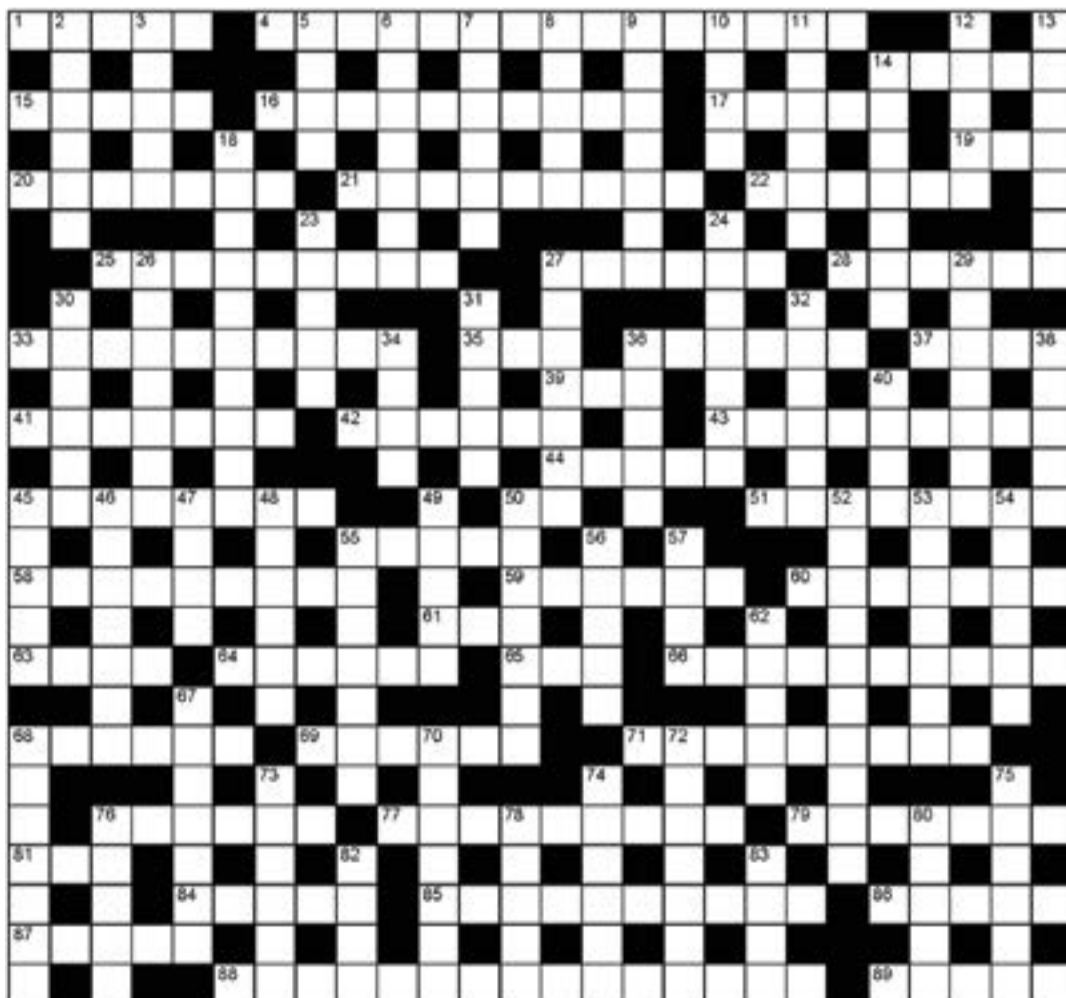
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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Take an oath (5)
 - 4 Safely secured away (5,4,3,3)
 - 14 Sudden forceful flow (5)
 - 15 Room on ship (5)
 - 16 Poet-folk singer (10)
 - 17 Alcoholic drink (5)
 - 19 Infection liquid (3)
 - 20 Illness with spots (7)
 - 21 Graceful dancer (9)
 - 22 Socially awkward (6)
 - 25 Weather instrument (9)
 - 27 Meat pin (6)
 - 28 Argument (6)
 - 33 Lies (10)
 - 35 Night bird (3)
 - 36 Profited (6)
 - 37 Qualify (4)
 - 39 Metal (3)
 - 41 Germ (7)
 - 42 Eastern temple (6)
 - 43 Retinue (9)
 - 44 Wanderer (5)
 - 45 Equestrian event (8)
 - 50 Mother (2)
 - 51 Base for statue (8)
 - 55 Fusillade (5)
 - 58 Conveyance for skiers (9)
 - 59 Maintenance (6)
 - 60 Corridor (7)
 - 61 Impair (3)
 - 63 Place in position (4)
 - 64 Barter (6)
 - 65 Short sleep (3)
 - 66 Predecessor (10)
 - 68 Time of most power, popularity, vigour (6)
 - 69 Fix (6)
 - 71 Bolted to avoid arrest (9)
 - 76 Sewing thread (6)
 - 77 Seasoned (9)
 - 79 Make reference to (7)
 - 81 Mineral spring (3)
 - 84 Surrendered up (5)
 - 85 Insignificant (10)
 - 86 Rudimentary (5)
 - 87 Bedlam (5)
 - 88 Whatever the weather (4,4,2,5)
 - 89 Brimless soft hat (5)
 - DOWN**
 - 2 Enervate (6)
 - 3 Assumed name (5)
 - 5 Standard (4)
 - 6 Do like (7)
 - 7 Legally answerable (6)
 - 8 Group of singers (5)
 - 9 Organise (7)
 - 10 Peace symbol bird (4)
 - 11 Neared (anag)(6)
 - 12 Complaint (5)
 - 13 Deep in thought (7)
 - 14 Small soft suitcase (7)
 - 18 Fear and hatred of foreigners (10)
 - 23 Snake poison (5)
 - 24 Went to bed (7)
 - 26 Soaks up (7)
 - 27 Sultan's wife (7)
 - 29 Stubbornly resolute (7)
 - 30 Sword (6)
 - 31 Intestine part (5)
 - 32 Spirit, courage (6)
 - 34 Joint line (4)
 - 36 Garden figure (5)
 - 38 Shoplift (5)
 - 40 Fool (4)
 - 45 Wharf area (5)
 - 46 In a precise manner (7)
 - 47 Convinced (4)
 - 48 Musical instrument (6)
 - 49 Hold responsible (5)
 - 50 One at a funeral (7)
 - 52 Exact lookalike (4,6)
 - 53 Hush (7)
 - 54 Flowering shrub (6)
 - 55 Reel (7)
 - 56 Misses out (5)
 - 57 Cow flesh for eating (4)
 - 62 Sunken vessel (5)
 - 67 Strategy (7)
 - 68 Church cushion (7)
 - 70 The capital of US's Georgia (7)
 - 72 Stain (7)
 - 73 Black magic (6)
 - 74 Subordinate (6)
 - 75 Submissive, compliant (6)
 - 76 Waterway (5)
 - 78 Animal products abstainer (5)
 - 80 Commerce (5)
 - 82 Chopping tool (4)
 - 83 Open pastry (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Strayed, 4 Jump the gun, 9 Scholar, 13 Ante, 14 Flakes, 15 Rasher, 16 Partner, 18 Tun, 20 Prison term, 21 Illusion, 22 Gamut, 25 Bovine, 26 Scorch, 28 Aftermath, 33 Prolific, 34 Pamper, 35 Blister, 39 Aqueduct, 40 Morale, 41 Swap, 42 Noted, 43 Naked, 46 Straight as a die, 53 Sewer, 56 Comic, 57 Aria, 58 Artery, 59 Motoring, 62 Faction, 63 Meteor, 64 Twilight, 67 Itinerary, 69 Convex, 70 Banana, 74 Satin, 75 Stubborn, 77 Vociferous, 81 Cur, 83 Boredom, 84 Native, 85 Absent, 86 Cave, 87 Wastrel, 88 Relentless, 89 Remnant.

DOWN: 1 Sharp, 2 Retrieve, 3 Delete, 4 Joker, 5 Mast, 6 Tarnish, 7 Easily, 8 Users, 10 Coax, 11 Outcast, 12 Avenue, 17 Downgraded, 19 Foyer, 23 Broccoli, 24 Amble, 25 Bargain, 27 Cuff, 29 Freesia, 30 Plucks, 31 Amoeba, 32 Recede, 34 Poach, 36 Shone, 37 Puck, 38 Taxi, 44 Anorak, 45 Exist, 47 Tart, 48 Amateur, 49 Graded, 50 Tutor, 51 Scrutiny, 52 Erotic, 53 Soothsayer, 54 Whim, 55 Regatta, 60 Coins, 61 Give, 65 Crate, 66 Panorama, 68 Trident, 69 Concept, 71 Pagoda, 72 Polite, 73 Dinner, 76 Blame, 78 Oasis, 79 Scent, 80 Cope, 82 Rage.

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Kirsten Anderson

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