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An open door policy



Thames Baptist Church pastor Chris Lee and Living Well Trust manager Caroline Talbot.

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

A woman shuffles past carrying a box of food. Two more are at a table, their focused eyes fixated on a half-completed puzzle. Sitting at the far wall, watching on, is a man. He says he's getting baptised on Sunday.

"I'm looking forward to it. Very much so. I'm not nervous," he says. He's even had a shave for the occasion, and it was the baptist church in Thames that gifted him with the gear.

It's at the baptist church where his immersion will take place.

"Don't blame the blue," pastor Chris Lee says, referring to the baptism pool hidden underneath the floor of the 154-year-old church. "I chose it."

The baptismal font is rather striking, and even has the luxury of being warmer than the Tararua Creek this time of year. Annually, it's used at least four times for baptisms and the most recent people taking the plunge have come through the church's '305' service.

"We had a guy who was so keen to be baptised, he jumped in," Chris says. "Didn't even use the stairs."

The man awaiting his baptism, who *The Profile* has agreed not to name, has been using the church's 305 facilities - such as its free breakfast and food parcels - for around two-and-a-half years. It's known by the three numbers for its location along Mary St, and it averages more than 300 visits a month.

The man says he feels safe at the

church. "[Baptism] is not a prerequisite," Chris explains, "but they grow in their faith and baptism is part of that growth."

The community ministries arm of the church, under the banner of Living Well Trust, tries to meet the needs of the poor in Thames.

The manager of the trust, Caroline Talbot, oversees the food parcel and Tasty Tuesday meal services and says need comes in all shapes and sizes.

When *The Profile* visits the church on a Wednesday morning,

there are not only people eating the free cornflakes for breakfast, but behind the scenes there are volunteers, busily packing food parcels.

From the laden shelves they grab canned goods, cleaning products, pantry staples, and even treats like chewing gum. Before being presented to a person in need, the boxes are topped up with meat and dairy, and any additional items such as toiletries, nappies, and gluten free food.

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Funding boost for \$2m Waihi 'hub'

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

The Waihi Community Forum has received a "significant" funding boost for its Outdoor Recreation Hub, set to add \$2 million to the face of recreation in Waihi.

There's plans for the Morgan Park hub to feature a modern skate park, pump track, playground area, and barbecue, and a recent \$150,000 grant from Hauraki District Council's Waihi Ward Recreation Fund, plus an additional \$150,000 from OceanaGold Waihi, had allowed the project to take another step towards its goal.

"We want to do something that's really going to last and that our community wants, and all up, we're looking at about \$2m for the cost of the entire hub," Waihi Ward Councillor and community forum member Anne Marie Spicer said.

"We realise this is a significant cost, but the forum hopes to get most of that funding from large organisations like Lotteries and Trust Waikato."

If successful with its fundraising, Cr Spicer said the project will then start "immediately" - beginning with the pump track, which will feature an experienced and wheelchair-friendly beginners track.

Alongside the track, there will also be a skate park, a barbecue area with tables, a playground upgrade, and an exercise park.

"We're working with community members on various aspects of the hub and would love to hear



Anne Marie Spicer, right, at the forum's recent community hui.

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from anyone interested in skateboarding and exercise equipment, in particular," Cr Spicer said.

The Waihi Community Forum has been involved in several successful community projects in the Hauraki town. Past initiatives include murals, a 3x3 basketball area, and the community playground at Waihi East School.

Forum chair Belinda Burke said the recent \$300,000 donations would "make a massive dif-

ference" to what they'll be able to achieve at the hub.

"We're now confident we'll be able to apply for some really good funding from external sources, which means we can do something exceptional for our local community at Morgan Park."

The forum will continue to apply for funding from local sources before applying to Lotteries in January.

"We know that the more we can secure now, the more likely

we are to build something special here," Belinda said.

"We're appealing to local organisations or businesses who would like to donate anything to this project - the more community buy-in we have, the better."

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

Scouts face heatwave, typhoon in South Korea

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

A campsite plagued by heatstroke, an imminent typhoon alert, and an early evacuation were some of the things three local scouts were not expecting as part of their “once in a lifetime” jamboree.

But despite the unideal conditions, they reckon it was “the most fun” they’d ever had.

Hauraki Plains College students Thomas Brown, Cayden de Graaf, and Hamish Paterson have returned from the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea - which was evacuated four days before anticipated due to an incoming typhoon.

The 15-year-olds are all Venturers with the Clevedon Scout contingent and were three of the 92 Kiwis that attended the 12-day-long jamboree in the southwestern Jeolla province.

They were joined by 42,000 other scouts from 150 countries.

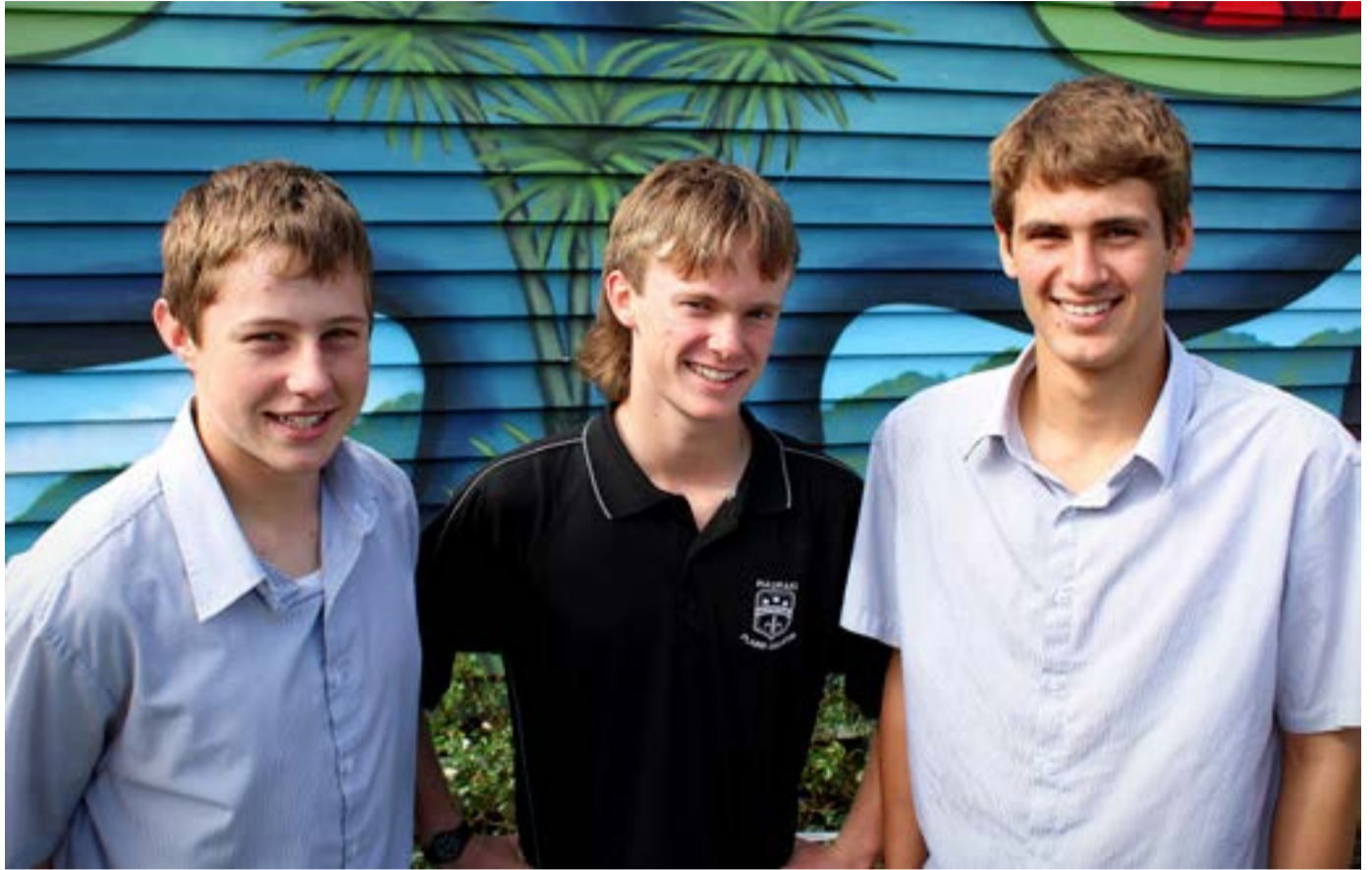
“The campsite was 2kms in width and 5kms in length,” Hamish told The Profile. “It was split off into different sections: 18 sub-camps and each subcamp had 3,500 people in it. It took us ages just to cover half of it.”

The boys said the jamboree began with 50 cleaners on site, but then the South Korean Government enlisted the help of its army and increased the cleaning staff to 700.

“At the start, you walked in and you wanted to walk back out,” Cayden said. “They did fix it up in the end but by that time, we had a typhoon coming through and we were moving out.”

The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years, with the next in Poland in 2027. The students said the camp’s set up was akin to the Olympics, but the province’s 34 degree heat and 75 per cent humidity made for some challenging living situations.

“You’d wake up at 6am because it was too hot to sleep any further, go pick up your breakfast for the group, go and cook it, and



Thomas Brown, Hamish Paterson, and Cayden de Graaf have returned from the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

from there you basically had designated activities,” they said.

“But with 42,000 people trying to get on the buses at the same time, it was hard to get to your activity... and they were worried about people’s health because it was so hot and people were getting heat stroke.”

The New Zealand contingent of 67 scouts and 25 adults left the site early on August

8 but continued on to Seoul for the jamboree’s closing ceremony. Thomas said they’d heard that the campsite had a couple of new “swimming pools” following the typhoon.

But even though it wasn’t the experience they may have been anticipating, the three scouts all agreed the jamboree was “amazing”.

“Yes, things went bad but you can’t do

anything about that,” Cayden said. “For me personally, I enjoyed it. It’s something we’d never forget.”

“It was definitely the most fun I’ve ever had,” Hamish added.

“You couldn’t recreate it if you tried.”



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Mystery disappearance on Paeroa river



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

What upon the water was all that remained in the mystery disappearance of a man near the Rangiora Ferry on the Ohinemuri River about seven miles from Paeroa in May 1913. A man, described as about 30, and 5 feet 8 inches in height, was seen by the ferryman standing on the river bank, but his attention was diverted for a few minutes. When he looked again, the man had disappeared, and all that disturbed the scene was the waterborne hat. A search was made, but as no trace of the man found. The hat was a new one and inside it was a portion of newspaper dated February 13. A short time before the incident a young man was seen walking along the railway line towards the the ferry, by Mrs Dunlop, mother of the ferryman, and she spoke to him. He did not reply. "Is the owner drowned?" asked the NZ Herald. The police thought so and they thoroughly searched and dragged the river, but without success. The sudden disappearance of the unknown man was bewildering - nobody had been



General image of a ferryman in 1900s.

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reported missing and there was no clue as to the stranger's identity. Three days later a man was reported missing from Thames. His description matched that of the man seen near the ferry, and as the man from Thames has been acting in a peculiar manner it was feared that he may have fallen into the river. He was subject to fits and memory loss. The next day a body was found about 90 yards below the ferry. It

was clothed in a cravenette overcoat; the hands were clasped on the chest and the expression of the face was peaceful. In the pockets were a watch - stopped at 3.30 - and 10 shillings 6 pence in money. He was identified as 37 year old John James O'Brien by his brother William. John was a single man, who had once been a Thames mining labourer, recently employed on the sewerage works in Auckland. He had been missing

since the previous Monday and was assumed to have come to the Thames Valley by train.

William O'Brien testified that at Auckland John came home from his work at 11am saying he was not well, and afterwards went out for a walk. The next time he saw him was days later when his body was taken out of the Ohinemuri River. John had been subject to apopleptic fits, which had been worse during the past five years. Over the years William had been called away to Komata, Karangahake and Auckland to attend to his brother when he had these attacks.

About four years previously John walked straight off the end of the Coromandel wharf. Eighteen months earlier John disappeared from Auckland for eight days, and when he returned his clothes were torn, his mind was a blank and he did not know he had been away. William said John was a fair swimmer and should have been able to get out of the river easily if he was not in a fit. He was an addicted cigarette smoker and the doctors said this affected his brain and heart. Constable Heeps said there were no signs of footmarks or struggling where John went into the river. The inquiry then adjourned to the residence of Mr Dunlop, ferryman, who was too ill to leave the house. He gave his evidence while in bed. A verdict was returned that John was found in the river, but there was not sufficient evidence to show how he got there.

John was buried at Shortland cemetery, Thames. His grieving mother died five months later and was interred beside him.

Free budget workshops set to begin

Free budget advice is available to people in the Thames region.

The Thames Community Centre has joined with Thames Budget Service to offer a series of money management workshops over four weeks, beginning on September 13.

The workshops will teach practical money skills including budgeting and debt management, as well as providing information about spending habits, financial literacy and how to use KiwiSaver.

Community Centre manager Jeff Whitfield said the workshops were part of the centre's aim to develop community education services.

"It's designed for people who just want to get a better handle on what they've got, what they're spending and what options there are - just basic money management," he said.

"Our organisation has a philosophy of connection, learning and sharing. We strive to collaborate with other organisations to make services accessible."

DETAILS: Free budget advice workshop at the Thames Community Centre, 609 Mackay St. Sessions run from 2-3pm on Sep 13, 20, 27 and Oct 4. Call 07 868 9797 for more information.

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Church not 'enabling' but 'transforming'

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Chris Cheetham, Lynley Gray, and Tammy Colquhoun all started volunteering for the trust around June, realising they had spare time on their hands and that the spare time could be used to help others.

"My little one is going to kindy now and I needed something to do to occupy myself," Tammy explains, "and what better way than to help those less fortunate?"

"Karma is always classed as a negative thing but it is positive as well. Giving back... I believe it comes back in other ways."

In March of this year, the baptist church handed out 50 food parcels that fed 175 people (87 adults and 88 children). Their once-a-week hot meal, Tasty Tuesday, had 71 attendees over three weeks.

The numbers were similar in April: 41 food parcels and 68 attendees for Tasty Tuesday.

Amanda Goldfinch works at the front of the church handing out food parcels. She has also been volunteering for Tasty Tuesday for nine years, choosing what meals to cook and gathering the ingredients.

She says the service is much appreciated by those who use it.

"They're overwhelmed and very thankful, and for Tasty Tuesday, to know that they are enjoying the food and that they are at least having a healthy meal once a week... I don't feel like it's 'me' and 'them'



Lynley Gray, Tammy Colquhoun, Caroline Talbot, and Chris Cheetham help out creating food parcels for those in need.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

- it's a community."

For the month of March, 395 people utilised the open door policy of the baptist church, but *The Profile* earlier reported that their presence was causing unease among workers in the CBD.

Due to the location of the 305, concerns were raised on social media about the "aggression and intimidation" spilling out of the church and into public areas such as Pollen St, the former Vibe, and Goldfields Shopping Centre. The

church was also accused of "enabling" anti-social behaviours.

But not all of those who use the 305 services are homeless, Chris and Caroline say, but all are in need of food and a safe place to be. "We're open for four hours, four

days a week," Chris says. "Are we enabling them?"

"I don't question why people need food parcels, or why they need breakfast. We're not enabling them, but it irks me that people think that."

Another challenge for the church is funding, Chris says, and he explains that available funding is back to a "pre-Covid level", while services and need remains at a "post-Covid level".

The church applies for funding from government and non-government agencies, as well as philanthropists, but largely relies on donations.

Winding back to the front of the church, moving past a knitting and craft circle where yarn lies at feet and a dog cuddles within a sweatshirt and there is a strict "women only" rule imposed, Chris and Caroline encourage anyone of any need to "come and see what we do".

"I just get a kick out of people being transformed, even if they never step into the church. It doesn't matter their background or status," Chris says. "It's just very rewarding."

DETAILS: The food bank is open Monday to Thursday, 9am-11.30am. For information about other church services and the Living Well Trust, find Thames Baptist Church on Facebook.



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Daffodil Day events blossom

The Ngātea War Memorial Hall was packed as 150 people attended the Lions Club Daffodil Day cancer fundraiser on August 23. Meanwhile, the Paeroa RSA was a sea of yellow for their event on August 28, with balloons, yellow-themed table settings, and of course, the ubiquitous bunches of daffodils. Both events were filled with laughter, food and conversation. *Valley Profile* reporter ALICE PARMINTER popped in to take a look.



From left: Carol Linton, Elaine Lally and Maggie Gribble with the handcrafted wares at the Paeroa RSA.



Joan Waterson picked over 1000 daffodils, raising \$750.



A group of guests gather to celebrate the morning at Ngātea.



Lion's Club members Ros Foster, Bruce Foster and Sybil Howard welcome guests into the hall.



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From left: Jan Bradley, Gaylene Middleton, Jocelyn Davies and Janet Graham settle in at the Paeroa RSA.



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Women on wheels to whip into Waihi

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

Watch out Waihi, a mob of lady motorcyclists are heading your way.

The Warm Kiwi lady motorcycle event is on from September 1-3, and will see between 50 and 80 riders descend on the town. The annual event raises funds for the women's refuge, with this year's proceeds going to the Hauraki Women's refuge.

"It's all about giving back to women," organiser Wendy Ploeg said.

"And I decided to make it a charity event to get more ladies together."

Warm Kiwi was inspired by an annual men's motorcycle event called Cold Kiwi, which involves riding to Ruapehu and camping in tents in the snow.

"[Warm Kiwi is] on the same weekend as the Cold Kiwi. The men go to Ruapehu ... at the foot of the mountain and they freeze themselves. They stay in tents," Wendy said.

"We decided to have an event that was cosy - in motels, close to hot pools, with a ride. It's a bit of a no-brainer."

Attendees will begin their weekend with a meet-and-greet on Friday evening. Saturday will be jam-packed with activity as the ladies ride to Paeroa for a high tea, then trek



Joanne Burns, left, and Wendy Ploeg will be hosting a high tea for more than 50 motorcycle-riding women at Rev's Motorcycle Centre on September 2

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

to Athenree for a soak in the hot pools.

They will round off the evening with dinner and an auction at the Waihi Memorial RSA. Wendy, an auctioneer for Ray White, said she had secured some big-ticket items for the auction including Avon motorcycle tyres, rider training, whiskey, clothing and accessories.

Wendy was particularly excited

about the high tea, which will be held at Rev's Motorcycle Centre in Paeroa.

"We've gone all out, we've got fascinators, hats, fine china and cake plates. So the girls in their leathers will be putting on hats and having high tea," Wendy said.

Rev's operations director Joanne Burns was also thrilled to be part of the event.

"Women [riders] are my focus, trying to capture that market because no one else wants it," Joanne said.

"I have met some of the most beautiful ladies coming through this shop. A ladies ride seemed like a perfect idea."

The women said the weekend would cater to everyone, from beginners to seasoned veterans.

"You get ladies on 250s who have just started riding, round to people like me who have been riding for years and years," Wendy said.

"The fastest growing demographic in motorcycle riders at the moment is women."

Joanne said the appeal of riding was clear for many women.

"It's freedom in your head. You don't think about what you're doing with the kids, you don't think about what's for dinner, you have to concentrate on what you're doing," she said.

"It's actually quite empowering. For a lot of women it's also outside their own comfort zone."

"The bikes are heavy, they're big, they go fast ... it's just such a good feeling."

"Men use the word camaraderie. I don't know what word women use but there is a real sense of camaraderie and support amongst the women," Wendy said.

"It's amazing who you meet, it's just wonderful. And I think the fact that we're giving back is a big thing for the girls as well."

DETAILS: Warm Kiwi, 1-3 September in Waihi and surrounds. See www.facebook.com/warmkiwiladies for more information.



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Sustainability focus for new businesses

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

Students from Hauraki Plains College are sharpening their business sense for a competition that sees real products go to market.

Ben Shackleton, Ryan Denize, Ethan Claridge, Jack Anderson, Holly Harris, and Marcus Bennett are all taking part in the Young Enterprise Scheme, a national programme in which students set up and run a real business.

At Hauraki Plains College, the course is being guided by business studies teacher John Tate, and the products being produced by the pupils all keep sustainability front of mind.

There's Good Goat Soap; Tyred Dogz dog beds; The Green Beanbag Company; Shot Bro organic juices; and Takutai coasters for couches.

Each of the students have their own roles within the established businesses, such as CEO, head of finance, head of production, and marketing manager.

"My mate's mum has always been very big on soap making, and so we started taking notes from her," Ben, 17, said of Good Goat Soap. "We learned how to make soap and make it from goat's milk, which is an environmentally-friendly alternative to regular soap."

"We've had some pretty big success in places like Thames, and we've learned how to run a business along the way."

The other enterprises also



The business studies students from Hauraki Plains College have all learned what it takes to create and market a product.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

have a sustainability focus. Ryan said he and his Tyred Dogz group recognised the amount of end-of-life tyres disposed of through landfill or left within the environment, and "wanted to create a product using them".

Ethan's team from The Green Beanbag Company took issue with "fast fashion" and so have designed beanbags using recycled curtains and duvets, filling the bags using non-polystyrene beans.

Holly and Jack from Shot Bro have created organic juice shots using all natural ingredients and no preservatives. Flavours aim to target different areas of the body, and include an immunity boost juice filled with vitamin C; a green juice with kiwifruit and apple; and a berry juice filled with antioxidants to promote healthy skin. All contain locally-sourced honey.

Meanwhile, Marcus and his team have created Takutai -

coasters for couches. The coasters are made using recycled kauri wood and the fabric is sourced from Guthrie Bowron off-cuts.

"We saw on the market that couch coasters are all normally very expensive, so instead of spending lots of money on expensive wood and expensive fabric to make it all look as perfect as possible, we thought let's recycle and make them in the woodwork room at lunch."

The Young Enterprise Scheme

is designed so secondary school students are able to set up and run a real business. The Waikato regional finals will be held on October 19, with the national awards on December 7.

All five groups from Hauraki Plains College will be selling their wares throughout the Thames Valley, and can be found online or via the school.



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Waikato Regional Council responds to a piggery effluent discharge in August 2023. Photo: SUPPLIED/WRC

Rural Life

Prosecution initiated over piggery effluent discharges

Waikato Regional Council has initiated a prosecution against a piggery farm near Te Aroha following an investigation into the discharge of effluent into a stream.

The prosecution has been taken under the Resource Management Act and comes as a result of an active investigation by the council into alleged ongoing, uncontrolled and unauthorised discharges to both land and water over the past six months.

It's alleged the effluent entered the Patuwaho Stream, which flows to the Waihou River, resulting in the council urging downstream landowners with surface water takes to exercise caution until the risk passed.

An interim Enforcement Order from

the Environment Court, issued by Judge Melinda Dickey on Friday, August 4, remains in place. It requires the piggery company to cease discharging a contaminant on to land in circumstances which may result in it entering water.

Council regional compliance manager Patrick Lynch said staff had been carrying out regular inspections of the site. "There has been some improvement. The volume and frequency of the discharges has decreased, though there is still work to do and we will continue to monitor activities on the site.

"It's important we do not jeopardise the matter before the court, so we will not be able to provide any further detail at this time," Mr Lynch said.



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Yellow bags won't be collected at the kerbside in urban areas after 1 September 2023. Rural residents can order yellow bags online from us for disposal at the Refuse Transfer Stations.

Recycling bins still needing a RFID tag will be done during the first few weeks of the new service, as they are presented at kerbside for collection.

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Paeroa and Waihi Refuse Transfer Stations

New operating hours from 1 September 2023

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Ngātea North Subdivision

Ngātea North Stage 4 is the final stage of land development being undertaken by Hauraki District Council in Ngātea North. This subdivision on 5.3 ha of land is being developed into 52 lots for construction of residential homes. Sections will be various sizes, with all the benefits from extensive road frontage, plus utilities available at the boundary.

Dempsey Wood Civil Ltd have been engaged to carry out the civil works, including connecting storm water, drinking water and waste water, power and fibre to the sections. Work is expected to begin in the first week of September 2023 and are likely to be completed by June 2024. Our contractors will be working between 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 2pm on Saturdays.

The subdivision lots should be ready for sale mid-2024. With views towards the Hauraki Gulf and of the Kaimai Ranges and sections of various sizes in walking distance to Ngātea, we expect they will be snapped up.

Our new build - service centre and library

The service centre and library project is starting to make great progress, although you won't see anything happening on site at the moment, there is a lot going on behind the scenes.

We are currently working towards engaging professional services to deliver the architectural and engineering design services for the new build. Once we have engaged the professional services, the plan for the building will be finalised.

We're also looking for premises to temporarily relocate our customer and library services while the construction of the new building takes place.

"The temporary space will be located in Ngātea and will continue to be accessible for our Plains community," says Mayor Toby Adams. "It's important to us to continue to have our customer services available locally for the Plains Community, and to make sure the build disrupts those services as little as possible."

Accessibility ramp for Ngātea Pool

Our contractors, Passive House Builders NZ Ltd, have made a good start on the accessibility ramp at the Ngātea Pool.

Digging the space for the ramp is almost finished, and the steel works including the handrail, will begin the first week of September.

The contractors have erected a temporary shelter and are working on weekends to make sure the ramp is completed on time for the new pool season.



Join us at the Ward Public Meetings

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Plains Ward Public Meeting

3pm, Tuesday 19 September 2023
Ngātea Memorial Hall – supper room

Waihi Ward Public Meeting

3pm Thursday 21 September 2023,
Waihi Memorial Hall – supper room

Paeroa Ward Public Meeting

3pm Tuesday 26 September 2023
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Golden Years

39% of Kiwis concerned about retirement savings, research shows

New research commissioned by Public Trust in its 150th year shows 39 per cent of Kiwi say their biggest concern is having enough money for their own retirement.

“For most New Zealanders, their KiwiSaver investment will be a tool to help fund their retirement,” Public Trust general manager corporate trustee services David Callanan said.

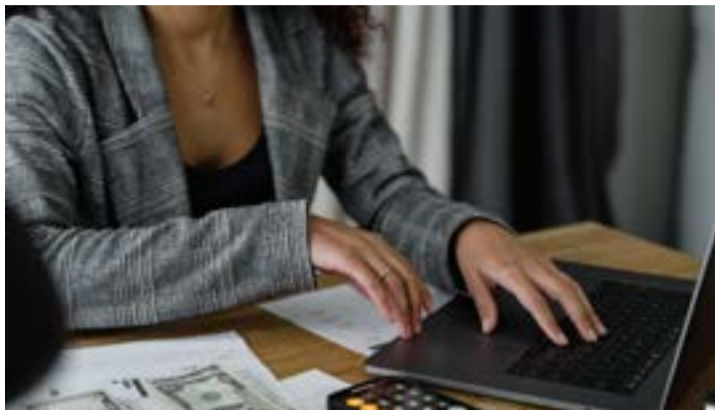
“I encourage everyone to check their KiwiSaver investment to ensure that they have the appropriate settings for their situation. This includes making sure your contribution rates are sufficient to help set you up for the lifestyle you’d like to enjoy in your retirement.

“If you are not sure, contact your KiwiSaver scheme provider for help,” he said.

Also included in the research findings was that 20 per cent of Kiwis feel they don’t have enough wealth to worry about protecting it, and of those, 58 per cent admit to having a KiwiSaver account.

Callanan said this was a “surprising insight” as for many New Zealanders, their KiwiSaver account is a significant wealth asset that will grow over time and is “definitely worth protecting”.

“As KiwiSaver accounts can only be used for retirement or



a first home deposit in most instances, many people treat their accounts as ‘set and forget’ for a long period. This means some people may not be reviewing their accounts regularly enough and, as this research shows, some may not view their KiwiSaver investment as an asset.”

He said there were around 3.2 million Kiwis with KiwiSaver accounts, and he encouraged everyone to have a will, which could help protect their wealth.

“For many of us, our KiwiSaver investment will form a key part of our retirement savings, our overall wealth and our legacies. Without a will in place, your special items and assets may not be distributed how you would have liked, and it can be more compli-

cated for family left behind.” Callanan explains that if a person dies without a will and has an estate (house, vehicle, KiwiSaver investment etc) worth more than \$15,000, distributing their assets and possessions will involve a court process that may be more complex and time-consuming at an already difficult time for their family. Currently nearly 50 per cent of Kiwis over 18 have a will in place.

“You don’t need a lot of money and assets to have a will – but anyone over 18 with \$15,000 or more in cash, assets or investments needs one. With the average KiwiSaver balance now around \$28,000 (and constantly growing), this means far more people should have a will.”

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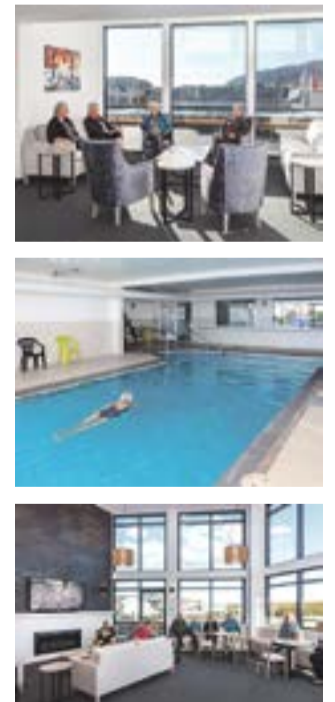
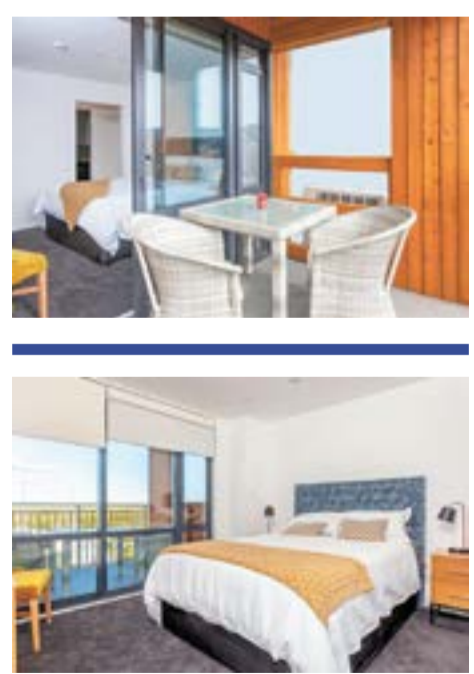
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Gardening

Time to plan for warmer months

Signs of spring growth are everywhere. Daffodils are in full bloom and in some cases finished blooming.

New blossoms and leaves on deciduous shrubs and trees are appearing. Week by week the rate of spring growth becomes increasingly rapid. Many shrubs, trees and perennials are in full bloom and spring flower gardens are a blaze of colour. Any new plantings should be protected in case of late frosts.

It's time to start planting spring crops and get your property ready for the warmer months. Harvest the last of the winter crops in the vegetable garden to make room for the new season plants.

If you are like us, we are still harvesting broccoli, cauliflowers, leeks, kale beetroot so we will leave new planting until they are finished in a couple of weeks. This has been a real bonus considering the prices of vegetables. I would urge would be gardeners to have a go at growing a few vegetables to help with the weekly shopping budget.

Now is the time to get your spuds ready to go in the garden for the Christmas lunch. Place seed potatoes on a tray in a sunny position for at least a month if possible before planting. When the sprouts on the seed potatoes are about 2-4cm long they are ready to plant out. They like a sheltered warm spot in your garden or in



Spring flower gardens are a blaze of colour.

Photo: PIXABAY

pots or bags. Complete your vegetable garden preparation by digging in some good compost, blood and bone and sheep pellets. If the soil is too wet just wait until it dries out a bit more. I know it's been extremely wet but good weather is sure to arrive with spring. Fingers crossed. Any new plantings require the protection of slug and snail bait and keep your eye on the weather for late frosts. It might be a good idea to consider mulching around new seedlings for added warmth.

Continue to plant Strawberries (if you can get plants), Blueberries

(love peaty soils), Rhubarb.

Prune passionfruit removing some of last seasons excessive growth but remember they fruit on last years growth so don't be too harsh. Feed berry vines, citrus and fruit trees with a citrus fertiliser or liquid fertiliser.

Refresh you herb garden with new plants either in the garden or pots. Trim back any old growth on woody herbs to refresh.

It's time to also give the flower garden some attention with new

Petunias, Federation Daisies, Impatiens and Geraniums. Make sure

to protect new seedlings with bug bait and frost protection if needed. Feed roses, shrubs and flower beds and mulch. Plant Dahlia tubers and Gladioli corms for a summer display.

This month is the perfect time to sow a new lawn and over sow any bare patches in the existing lawn. Spray now for Onehunga weed (prickle weed) and broadleaf weed with a specific Onehunga Weed spray. It makes summer on the lawn so much more enjoyable.

Enjoy your spring garden.
- Ngatea Garden Circle

Youth photography comp to open

A free photo competition aimed specifically at youth is coming to Thames-Coromandel.

Entries for the Coromandel Peninsula youth photography competition open on October 1, and close on November 30.

Competition organiser Karen Moffatt-McLeod is encouraging anyone under the age of 18 to pick up a camera, phone, tablet or other photo-capable device and get snapping.

"I have long felt that most photography competitions run nationally lack a specific youth focus or category," Karen said.

"There are a number of very talented youth involved in the arts on the Coromandel Peninsula and I would love to see their views."

Entrants must live within the Thames Coromandel District Council area.


There are two age groups for the competition: 11 years and under, and 12-17 years.

Entrants can choose to enter the portrait category or the street/my community category, with a maximum of four photos submitted across the two categories. All entries must have been shot in 2023.

Entries will be judged by photographers Shelley Harvey, Lia Priemus and Karen Moffatt-McLeod. There are prizes up for grabs, and the top three photos from each category will be showcased in an exhibition.

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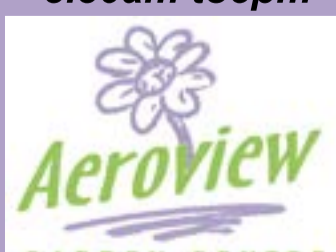
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The Thames Valley Squash Championship was held this month.

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Valley squash champs held

SQUASH

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AUSTEN, Jaren Ann (nee Williams): Born August 15, 1943. Jan passed away peacefully at home on Friday August 25, 2023. Beloved wife of Keith, mother of Sue and the late Geoff. Grandmother of Tallis and Matthew. Mother-in-law of Tony. A loved sister, aunt, and friend. A service will be held on Thursday the 31st of August 2023, at 11.00am at the Karangahake Hall, Crown Hill Rd Karangahake.	Thames Spiritualist Church, Sunday September 3rd, 2pm Grahamstown Hall. Speaker: Clinton.	Thames Valley Storage - secure, dry units available, two sizes. Call Trev 027 4076966	STORAGE KOPU, PAEROA TE AWAMUTU "New Units" Ph 027 440 7101 07 868 3033 Safe n Sound Storage www.safestorage.co.nz
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A service to celebrate Jennifer's life will be held on Saturday 2nd September 2023 at 11am at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall, Normanby Rd Paeroa.

McMillan, Olive Reta:
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Regulatory Hearings Committee
Monday, 4 September 2023, 9am (if required)

Western Plains Drainage District Committee
Thursday, 7 September 2023, 10.30am Ngatea Service Centre

Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee
Thursday, 7 September 2023, 1pm Ngatea Service Centre

Paeroa Rural Drainage District Committee
Friday, 8 September 2023, 1pm Paeroa Council Office

Planning Committee
Monday, 11 September 2023, 9am (if required)

Regulatory Hearings Committee
Monday, 18 September 2023, 9am (if required)


Plains Ward Public Meeting
Tuesday, 19 September 2023, 3pm -6pm (Ngatea Memorial Hall – supper room)

Waihi Ward Public Meeting
Thursday, 21 September 2023, 3pm - 6pm (Waihi Memorial Hall – supper room)

Paeroa Ward Public Meeting
Tuesday, 26 September 2023, 3pm -6pm (Paeroa Memorial Hall – supper room)

Council
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TAIRUA

Tairua Golf Club	16 September	10am
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WHITIANGA

Whitianga Town Hall	16 September	2pm
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We also plan on holding meetings with dates TBC: Moanataiari, Thames, Tararu South

About the meetings

The three-year shoreline management work identified our Coromandel communities' preferred pathways of action to improve resilience to the effects of climate change.

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- Stopbank enhancement in Thames
- Sediment recycling
- Other sea level rise management projects

The results of this phase of the project will inform our Council's 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

Our Council is updating communities on next steps to manage our shoreline:

- What projects will we prioritise?
- How much might they cost?
- Who will pay for them?

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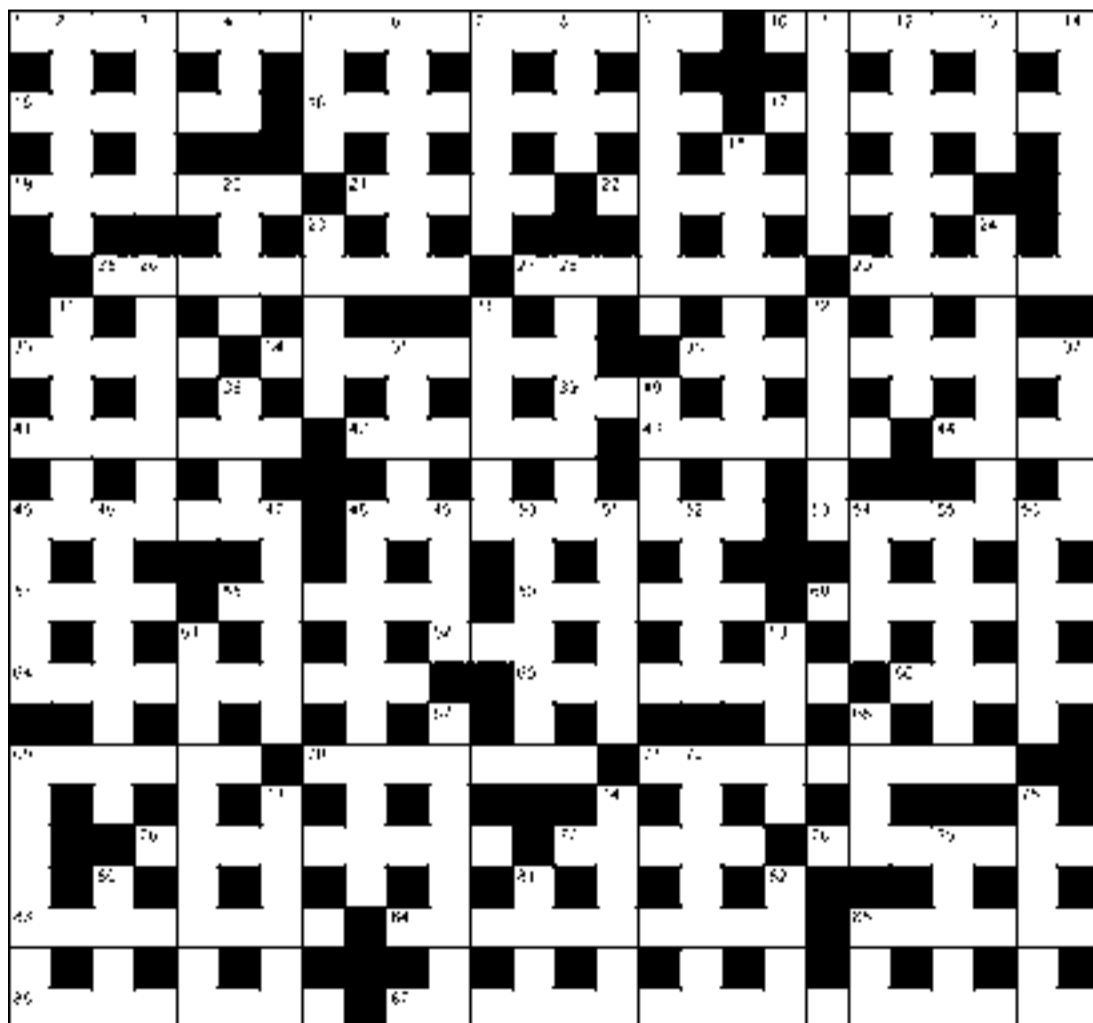
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- 32 Large serving dish (6)
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- 38 Yours and mine (4)
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- 48 Fussy (10)
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- 72 Ill-defined (7)
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- 74 Snaps (6)
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SPORTS

Three in a row for Valley

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Following their third consecutive win, Thames Valley is now placed second in the Bunnings Warehouse Heartland Championship. By defeating West Coast 30-22 at Greymouth, the Swamp Foxes are now two points behind South Canterbury and two ahead of North Otago and East Coast on the points table.

The victory over West Coast also means that Thames Valley retain "The Game" trophy, which was presented for competition between the two teams last year.

As could be expected from two evenly matched teams, the encounter was a tight one with both sides scoring three tries. Once again, the difference was the goal kicking of Fletcher Morgan, who converted all of Thames Valley's tries, plus kicking three penalty goals for a total of 15 points.

Leroy Neels opened Thames Valley's scoring with a try. Morgan later added two penalty goals to go with the conversion and the Swamp Foxes had thirteen points on the board at half-time. However, the Coast-ers had scored two converted tries and led 14-13 at the break.

Matty Axtens, who had last represented the Valley in 2021, had been recalled to the team and he scored a try in the 53rd minute. Morgan's conver-



Leroy Neels has scored a try in each of Thames Valley's first three games this year. Here he is dotting down against Poverty Bay. Photo: TVRFU

sion gave the Swamp Foxes 20 points and the lead. West Coast replied quickly with an unconverted try but Thames Valley attacked strongly and Tyrell Kopua went over for his first try as a Swamp Fox. The conversion made the score, Thames Valley 27, West Coast 19. Both sides added a penalty goal in the final ten minutes and the Swamp Foxes ran out the winners 30-22.

Thames Valley return to home territory on Saturday when they play King Country at Thames. This local derby contest is always a hard-fought encounter as the "Centurions Cup" is at stake along with vital competition points.

Thames Valley are the current holders of the cup with King Country having last held the trophy in 2018. Thames Valley finished third in the Heartland

Championship last year and King Country were fourth. This year both sides have defeated Whanganui so it is going to be all on at Rhodes Park this Saturday.

Meanwhile, in a try fest at Ruatoria, the Thames Valley Vixens defeated Ngati Porou East Coast Hamoterangi by 25 points to 20 - a total of nine tries in a great game of running rugby.



Paeroa golfers Chris Alley, left, Lyn Pullan and Frances Nicol with the silverware. Photo: SUPPLIED

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A Paeroa Golf Club women's team has won the Silver Salver trophy for the first time in club history.

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