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Tie-dye tees colour cancer campaign



RIGHT: David and Mary Watkin will donate money to the NZ Cancer Society for every t-shirt they sell.
INSET: Josh Watkin and his partner Claire, who are expecting their first baby.



By KELLEY TANTAU

They didn't intend to "take over the world" with tie-dye, but the Ngatea duo behind Sticky Lizzid Tees are doing their bit to brighten the lives of people with cancer.

David and Mary Watkin created the kaleidoscopic business back in 2012. Initially interested in screen printing, they changed tack and began tie-dyeing t-shirts, which went on sale at The Gallery Ngatea.

An online store followed, and eventually the pair designed shirts for a local touch team,

as well as 150 travel tees for a Cook Island sports squad.

Now, they are using their colourful clothing to raise money for the NZ Cancer Society, while also donating some tie-dye bandanas to Waikato Hospital's oncology ward, where their eldest son is undergoing treatment.

The inspiration behind the business name, David and Mary's son Josh, 29, was diagnosed with cancer last year. He was operated on and despite all looking good, on his birthday in March, he was informed the cancer had returned. He and

partner Claire are expecting their first baby in September.

"He had very long, beautiful, red hair, and for him to lose his hair, it was a big deal," Mary said. "And going to the ward, we saw all the people there and we thought: 'There must be a way to brighten their day up somehow'," David added.

The couple will give \$5 from every Sticky Lizzid bandana sold to the Cancer Society, and with every bandana sold, they will make another to be passed on to an oncology patient.

"When Josh was a tiny fella, there was always an awful lot of

those little skinks around, and he'd lift up rocks and be really careful with them, and one day [a skink] ran across his hand, and he said: 'Sticky lizard, mum'," David said.

Lizards' uniqueness and their ability to change colour also inspired the business - which operates by a "fingerprints in cotton" ethos.

"Every [item] is different," David said. "We try and not have anything that's the same and with tie-dye, it's always a toss-up with what's going to happen anyway."

The pair enjoy experimenting

with colours and patterns, but admit there's a "box of doozies" hidden somewhere in the house. The business has become a hit at celtic fairs and goes into hyperdrive ahead of summer, and David and Mary juggle it all between their jobs as teacher aides.

"There was no real thought about taking over the world, we just love the tie-dye, it's an uplifting thing," David said. "When people put it on, it's colourful and joyful, and it makes them happy."

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Tensions rise as Ngatea road works drag on

By KELLEY TANTAU

Confusion over ‘resident only’ signs putting drivers off from getting to Ngatea’s main street has further fuelled tensions over ongoing road-works in the town.

Work to upgrade the main street began in January, 2020, and was expected to take around three months, but after a number of weather delays and “softer than expected ground conditions” the project has still not been completed.

The final stage of the upgrade to State Highway 2 - which involves laying 400m of asphalt between Paul Dr and Pipiroa Rd - began on April 6, and according to the Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), had “about a week” to go. Part of the road is reduced to one lane, with southbound traffic diverted down Pipiroa Rd. However, early in the project’s onset, issues were raised by the local community about the detour, as heavy vehicles took the first opportunity to turn right down Mahana Rd.

Therefore, ‘resident only’

signs were implemented, NZTA Waikato system manager Cara Lauder said.

“With kids at home for two weeks, it was deemed prudent to stop through-traffic going through residential streets for safety reasons.

“Our team decided to trial ‘resident only’ signage about a week into the project, which we installed to prevent heavy vehicles using the residential roads (particularly at night), as there was an issue with vehicle engines braking in the early hours of the morning,” she said.

However, residents and business owners said the signs encouraged drivers not to travel into Ngatea’s main street, and instead bypass the town using Pipiroa Rd.

Residents put up their own sign on Pipiroa Rd and posts on social media were distributed to inform shoppers that Ngatea remained “open for business”, after the town already suffered a challenging year with the ongoing works and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sukh Singh, the owner of Fresh Way, a shop which



Residents have erected their own sign to let visitors know Ngatea is still open for business.
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opened only three months ago, said things had been “very quiet” since the final stage of the project commenced.

The shop can only be accessed from north-bound drivers turning left down Kaihere Rd, right down Hayward, then right down Darlington St.

“We do have people coming in to support us, but it is very, very quiet. I’ve asked some of the workers, why they aren’t working over the weekend, and they say they don’t have enough people.

“It can be raining for a couple of days and they don’t do work, and on Saturday and Sunday the sun can be shining, but they’re not coming.”

Hauraki Plains local Jan Pa-

ton said tensions were running high in Ngatea following the latest works and subsequent detour.

“This started over a year ago and there’s lots of little things that have happened - none of it has gone smoothly,” she said.

“We’ve got businesses that are really struggling... and I just thought after the first half of the road debacle, they would’ve thought really carefully about the second half.”

Cara Lauder said cars were still able to access both Mahana Rd and Stenbridge Rd, and that electronic sign boards had since been installed at the SH2/25 roundabout and Pipiroa Rd, to further encourage trucks to take the detour.

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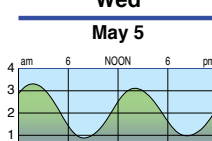
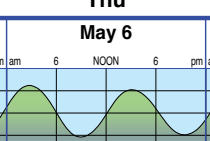
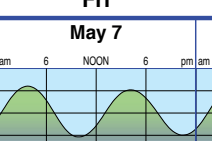
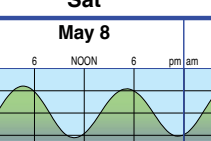
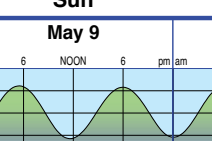
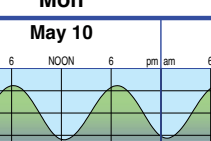
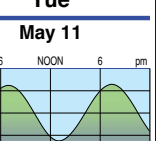
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PLACE	Hr	Mn	Hr	Mn
Coromandel	-0	04	-0	04
Whitianga	-0	02	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	20
Whangamata	-0	07	-0	08
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	13

Bus routes spark safety backlash

By KELLEY TANTAU

Backlash over school bus routes has raised the question of who would be responsible for children’s safety as they made their way to new pick-up points along “dangerous” highways.

At a public meeting held at the Kopuarahi Community Centre on April 27 to discuss the changes to eight Hauraki Plains College bus routes, which would see students walk kilometres to get to their new bus stops rather than be picked up close to home, parents looked to the ministry to alleviate their safety concerns.

“If you let our kids walk these roads, it’s not if they’ll get killed, it’s when they’ll get killed,” Lisa Wiggins said.

Her daughter would have to be left on the corner of Bush Rd and Piako Rd to wait for her new bus, or walk to Bugger Cafe along SH25 - where seven fatal crashes happened in the past five years.

Another woman said her grandchildren would have to walk 4.5km along Hauraki Rd to get to the nearest pick-up point. “And don’t say the parents can take them because the parents are busy; they are

working people,” she said.

To that, the ministry’s group manager for school transport James Meffan gave an admittedly “unpopular answer”.

“We run a service where it is absolutely paramount that we ensure the safety of kids. So, while eligible kids, that we designed the service for, are on our buses, we take full responsibility.

“We do not make any judgment about the safety of roads or the safety of walking beside them,” he said.

“Now, you can tell me that parents are too busy, but no parent is too busy.

‘If you let our kids walk these roads, it’s not if they’ll get killed, it’s when they’ll get killed’

- Lisa Wiggins

“If they identify a risk to their children, is a parent really going to say that it’s the ministry’s fault? When it’s not within our remit, the safety of a child is the responsibility of the parent.”

The meeting, chaired by Co-



The public meeting was well-attended and gave families a chance to voice their concerns to the Ministry of Education over new bus routes around the Hauraki Plains.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

romandel MP Scott Simpson and attended by Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams, was called after affected families were told in April about changes to school bus routes in Term 2.

Hauraki Plains College principal Ngaire Harris put her “hand up” and apologised for the shortcomings in communication. The school was informed of the changes back in December.

“I do understand, as a kid who went on a school bus from Turua, that we’re used to things how they are, and it’s really difficult when things change,” she said.

“I hope that you would think that as principal, I’m here for kids, and that’s always been my stance, so I’ll do whatever I can

to help with this situation.”

According to the ministry’s school transport eligibility criteria, to get school transport assistance, students must live at least 4.8km from the school; the school must be the closest state or state-integrated school where the student can enrol; and there must be no “suitable” public transport options.

Mr Meffan said this policy was not changing, but staff were instead working to bring things back within the policy.

“We have a group of people whose job it is to go out and take stock of the local area to understand how many eligible students we have, and to make sure our routes are designed and are fit-for-purpose to carry those eligible students

to schools. We have a range of kids in a range of situations, and my mission is to make sure that those who need it most get the most urgent attention.

“So, in some respects, I am unapologetic when I say if there are routes we’ve put on for kids who are not eligible for our assistance, I’ll be looking to correct that so we can spend the money where it is most needed.”

Scott Simpson later told *The Profile* the meeting resulted in a “temporary reprieve”, with the ministry delaying implementation of some bus route changes until Term 3.

“However, this will be of little comfort to parents concerned about finding a long-term solution,” he said.

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High schoolers give back to younger students

By KELLEY TANTAU

Six Thames High School students, including one with interests in pediatric oncology and another passionate about midwifery, sat down with Kopuarahi School’s 19 pupils around lunchtime on a Monday.

Lying nearby was a pile of colourful basketballs, netballs, and dodgeballs, and on the table were hand-made ham sandwiches, all paid for with money raised from a bake sale.

The intention was to provide Kopuarahi School, in Pipiroa, with sporting equipment and healthy kai, and was a first step in what would hopefully become an ongoing friendship between the education providers.

“We were scared when we got here that no one would talk to us but the kids are all really interesting, and it just shows, looking at them now, that a little bit can go a long way,” Thames High student Tyler Groenewald told *The Profile*.

“It’s just a little project but what you can do with it ... you can just see it as an assessment or you can see it as an opportunity.”

The students take a Year 12 health class and have been as-

sisted by teachers Taryn Slee and David Harrison.

This year, one of their assessments was to ‘give back to our community’ and, after hearing on the radio that Kopuarahi School was in-need of new sporting gear, they contacted principal whaea Chris Patel.

The plan to mentor, inspire, and assist with the younger students was put into action, with Tyler and her classmates organising a bake sale to raise money for the equipment and lunches. They raised close to \$300, Tyler said.

“It meant a lot to us, giving back to one of the primary schools we don’t usually give back to, and we thought it would be good to get Thames High School’s name out there a little bit and give back to the wider community outside of Thames,” she said.

“The intention is for it to be an ongoing thing, every now and again, pop in and say hi. We definitely don’t want it to be a one-time thing.”

Kopuarahi School principal whaea Chris Patel said she hoped the project would be “successful and sustainable” for future students to be able to be a part of.

“Society is very good at knocking young people, but



Thames High students, Tyler Groenewald, left, Faith Wilson, Tumanako Ihaia, Emma Fogg, Mia Nicholson, and Mary Wiki, with their hand-made lunches for Kopuarahi School.

there are young people out there doing good things,” she said.

“[These students] are socially responsible young people seeing how they can play a role in helping others.

“It’s a healthy thing to promote, and there’s a positivity that goes both ways.”



Kopuarahi School student Dayton Vitasovich tucks in to the school lunches.
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Free event expands bike skills

By KELLEY TANTAU

A free learn-to-ride session in Tapu this month attracted around 20 young people keen to have a go driving on four wheels or two. Organised by Tony Ngawhika, the event saw young boys and girls learn how to ride a motorbike or a 4-wheeler for the very first time. It also helped develop the skills of other riders. “One of the young guys, I gave him his first motorbike last year, and he’s been doing really well. “He’s already on a 125cc and he polishes the rims like it’s a Harley,” Mr Ngawhika said.

“That’s what you do when you learn something new, and that means a lot to me. “Showing young people how to ride for the first time, and then seeing them develop over the years, that’s what it’s all about.” Mr Ngawhika is eager to grow the event, and is planning to host another learn-to-ride session next summer. “I learned how to ride a motorbike when I was about seven, and by the time I was 11-years-old, I was doing wheelies and running amok. “I’m just really blessed that I found some friends in Thames I can do stuff like this with,” he said.



Jayden, Memphis, Finlay and Theo take a breather before hitting the trail.



About 20 young people took part in the inaugural event.



Logan has fun on a bigger bike.

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Finlay leads the pack around the reserve.



The day finished off with magic carpet rides behind the quad bike.

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May 13: The Sweet Caroline Tour: A Tribute to Neil Diamond, performing at Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, 200 Mary St, 8pm – 10:30pm.

May 14: Mike Garner's *Ragtime Washboard Kings*, performing at The Backroom, 714 Pollen Street, Thames, between 7:30pm – 10:30pm. General Admission: \$24.54.

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Queen Service Medals awarded to Thames Valley citizens

BY KELLEY TANTAU

Gwenyth Wright’s outlook on life, her polite authority, and her “what can be done?” mentality was acknowledged at a Queen’s Service Medal presentation last week.

Held in the Thames-Coromandel District Council chambers on April 27, the ceremony had been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic last year.

At the time, Mrs Wright had been acknowledged in the Queen’s Birthday honour’s list for her services to women and the community.

At the presentation, friends, family, and loved ones spoke of the inspiration and passion instilled in them by Mrs Wright, 94, who helped establish the Wellington and Thames Women’s Loan Funds.

‘Her practicality, her intelligence, and her concept of how things can fit into the world is how she’s seen so many of these problems that need fixing.’

- Kim Wallace

Mrs Wright also founded the Organic Strategies Group, and worked with the district council to arrange land availability to launch natural burials in Hikutaia in 2017. She was



Gwenyth Wright received her Queen Service Medal at a presentation in Thames last week. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

selected for a New Zealander of the Year, Local Heroes award in 2019, and the eponymous ‘Gwenyth Wright Study Grant’ was available for its third year in 2021.

Kim Wallace spoke of her step-mother’s practicality and intelligence.

“My dad [Colin Broadley] has some outrageous ideas, and some are pretty far-flung and they could easily lose contact with the ground,” she said, “and when Gwenyth came into his life, she didn’t hamper anything, she just tethered it to the ground a little bit.

“Her practicality, her intelli-

gence, and her concept of how things can fit into the world is how she’s seen so many of these problems that need fixing... and says: ‘So what shall we do about it?’

“That’s how she’s kept my dad tethered to the ground, but it’s also how she’s got so many things done, and we’re all really privileged to have been a tiny part of that.”

Mrs Wright was presented with the Queen’s Service Medal, as well as a Community Service Medal, by Mayor Sandra Goudie.

Meanwhile, Rowan Garrett of Kerepēhi, received his QSM



Rowan Garrett receives his Queen Service Medal from Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy at a ceremony in Auckland. Photo: SUPPLIED

from the Governor-General, Dame Patsy Reddy, in Government House, Auckland, on April 20.

Mr Garrett, who has been a member of the Kerepēhi Brass Band for more than 70 years, was awarded his medal for services to brass bands in the 2021 New Year Honours.

He joined the band in 1946 as a 10-year-old, after being invited by his piano teacher and band founder, Mr Vivian.

He has since served as the band master, chairman, president, vice president and committee member, and has been the band’s librarian for many

years.

For his decades of service, Mr Garrett was awarded the Hauraki District Citizens Award in 2004, was made a life member of the Kerepēhi Brass Band in 1979.

In January, Mr Garrett told the *Profile* it was “a bit of a shock” to receive the award.

He enjoyed being part of the band, he said.

“It’s the comradeship. For a country band, we’re not doing too bad.”

During the ceremony, Dame Patsy pointed out her father was also a foundation member of the Kerepēhi Brass Band.



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Lincoln Vitasovich had great success on the day.



Champion Calf winner Molly Fletcher of Hamilton, right, with Reserve Champion Taylor Gibbs, Patetonga, and an honourable mention for Jay Seeger, of Pirongia. Photos: SUPPLIED/LINDA WOOD



Thomas competes in the senior class.



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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.

1919

Tapu celebrated one of the most unique events in its history when their Excellencies Lord and Lady Liverpool made a visit. The Vice Regal party were motored along the coast and under an arch which had been placed over the road near the school.

So well did the arch look that His Excellency made special remarks concerning it. The party, which included many noted Thames people, arrived around 11.30am. In all there were about 15 cars and it was quite a sight to see them approaching along the stretch of flat where school children and residents waited.

Unfortunately the weather was not the best. Mr Twist, school master, welcomed them as being the first governors of New Zealand to visit Tapu.

His Excellency noted the fact that he was the harbinger of rain so badly wanted throughout the Province. The Vice Regal party stayed about half an hour before departing.



Lord and Lady Liverpool made a visit to Tapu.

Photo: SUPPLIED

Roads radiated from Ngatea to every district on the Hauraki Plains as the town developed into the commercial centre of the area.

There were nine business sites situated 100 yards from the new cantilevered bridge and Piako River Wharf. Opposite were the Town Hall, Post Office, Money Order Office and Telegraph Office. There were two general stores, two stock sale yards and a blacksmith.

A private hotel was being built and a site had been purchased for a dried milk condenser. Ngatea could be reached by motor car from Paeroa or Thames all year round, and from outside districts for the greater part of the year. Ngatea also had a daily river service providing for passengers, mail and stores from Thames (12 miles and occupying 1.5 hours).

There were also special river launches and a direct bi-weekly service to and from Auckland.

There was a great exodus from houses at Paeroa when a severe earthquake shook the area. The disturbance lasted nearly a minute and seemed to come from an easterly direction. Hanging lamps and other suspended objects swung backwards and forwards fully three minutes after the shock ceased. A number of people who had never felt an earth tremor before were quite bewildered.

One businessman standing close to his window, could not make out why the wall kept hitting him on the back and people leaning against telegraph poles or side walls were in the same quandary.

A second shock of less violent and much shorter duration was felt a few minutes afterwards, a

third about midnight, a fourth at 4am the next day and a fifth half an hour afterwards. No damage was reported.

The road from Paeroa to Thames came in for a good deal of attention at a County Council meeting. Evidently people from Waikato to Coromandel were laughing at it.

One councillor said "Our roads are getting in a disgraceful state. It will soon be like driving along a creek bed."

The chairman said "I favour something permanent. Strips of concrete for wheels to run on can be put down for about £400 a mile. This course is being adopted in parts of America."

A councillor agreed, adding "We should have a concrete road, with metal road for horse traffic. Horses on concrete roads need rubber shoes."

Ministry discusses freedom camping

By KELLEY TANTAU

Making it mandatory for freedom campers to park in self-contained vehicles and increasing penalties to \$1000 are just some of the government's proposed changes to improve freedom camping throughout the country.

At a public meeting held in Thames on April 28, Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) senior policy advisor Fraser Pearce said the government's concern was campers who stayed in vehicles not certified self-contained, and who did not camp responsibly.

"[Self-contained vehicles] is [currently] a voluntary New Zealand standard, and the voluntary means you actually don't need it, and there's no requirement for any vehicles to have it. However, councils can put in place a requirement," he said.

One of the four proposals to improve freedom camping include making it mandatory for freedom camping to be done in a certified self-contained vehicle. A fully self-contained vehicle must be able to support a given number of people for three days without needing additional water supplies or dumping waste.

It's also proposed to introduce a stronger infringement scheme - from \$200 fines to a maximum of \$1000 - and enable enforcement officers to confiscate a vehicle that is in breach of bylaws, or that has received multiple fines.

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HPC allrounder Nihindu Wickramathunga, batting, was in the top bracket for runs and wickets recorded in Division 1 matches, in Term 4. Photo: SUPPLIED

Hard work pays off for HPC cricketers

Many hours of dedicated training both before and during the recently completed cricket season produced rewards for at least three members of the Hauraki Plains College First XI.

The team which took part in Division 1 of the Hamilton/Waikato Valley Secondary Schools programme, finished in a credible third position on the points table. Three of the team also featured near the top of the lists for runs and wickets taken during 2021 Term 1, matches.

Runs Scored: second on the chart: Nihindu Wickramathunga, 7 innings, 311 runs, average 44.43. Third on the chart: Hunter Crowe, 5 innings, 295 runs, average 73.75. Wickets: Second on the chart: Nihindu Wickramathunga, 11 wickets at an average of 4.19 runs per wicket. Second equal: Cooper Green, 11 wickets at 4.76 runs per wicket. Third: Hunter Crowe 10 wickets at 3.67 runs per wicket.

The Hauraki team which played in the Colts Division and faced stern opposition in all seven matches, finished on the lower half of the points table. However, significant individual performances from wicket-keeper and batsman Trent Ball, and all rounders Cullen Crowe and Daniel Sproul resulted in all three being named in the Waikato Valley winter training squad for junior secondary school players.

- Mike Cotter

Successful summer season ends

Only 12 teams participated in Kerepēhi Bowls & Sports' closing day optional 4s because of other bowls events around the region.

Prize winners for the club sponsored day:- 1st 4 wins, 22 ends, +17 points (Paeroa) Noel Rae team; 2nd 3 wins, 20 ends, +24 points (Hauraki) Eddie Northcott team; 3rd 3 wins, 22 ends, +15 points (Kerepēhi) Leon (Mitti) Taipari, Garry Parker, Ian (Piddles) Smith, Norm Allen. Kerepēhi team: Graham Pyke, Fatu Tausi, Don Cooper, Paul Williams.

Coming events include May 12 optional 4s (Ravensdown Products/RMS Contracting/Valley Toyota/Tony Richards Toyota) and then May 27 optional 4s Stockies/Cockies (Whyteline Suzuki Isuzu). Please note these two dates differ from the listings in the card and centre book.

We're hoping for two full greens for both events again this year. The club is really grateful for the support received again from our wonderful sponsors.

- Terry King



Kerepēhi's Fatu Tausi in action.



Kerepēhi player Ian McLeod. Photos: TERRY KING

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Close game under lights

The Hauraki North Senior A rugby team hosted Thames in a night game at their grounds in Waitakaruru on April 21. Despite a gutsy, determined performance by the Blue Bulls, Thames edged ahead to take the game 25-23. Photographer **MARK BROWN**, from *One of a Kind Photography* braved the rain to capture the game under lights.



A Thames player encounters some strong defence during a leap for the ball.



Thames player Sione Toa, right, gets tackled by a Hauraki North defender.



Hauraki's Brook Campbell is monstered by two forwards.



Cole berridge kicks the match-winning goal for Thames.



Blue Bull Jason Laurich sets sail for the goal line for a try.



Thames player Seth Roe feeds the backs.



Carlin Hana climbs high to win a lineout for Hauraki North.

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Donations made to school and museum

The April Meeting of the Goldfields Women's Institute commenced with the aspirations and prayer. Thoughts were given to the royal family in respect to the passing of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and to any member who has not been well during the month.

The motto – “the most beautiful thing about a person isn't looks but heart and personality” was read by Kate Wood. The roll call – my supermarket hate, revealed some very interesting complaints which seems to happen to a lot of the members. The good deed was a \$100 donation to the St John Shuttle. Raffles were won by Anne Bicknell and Bev Schenkel. Members have been busy knitting over the month with a good display of rugs and baby knitting donated. A box of knitted beanies, slippers and scarves, along with old Christmas and greeting cards as well as calendars was donated to the Goldfields School in Paeroa.

A discussion was held regarding the Thames Piako Group Day which Goldfields will be hosting this year in July. A sign that has been in a garden at the Thames Museum since 2000 when daffodils were planted as a community project needs to be spruced up, especially now 200 daffodil bulbs have been donated to the museum. After lunch, members were able to have a look at some of the scrapbooks that have been produced over the years. It is extremely interesting to look back over the 50 years since Goldfields WI was formed and remember past members and what hap-



Kerepehi Women's Institute members enjoyed a birthday lunch and train ride.

pened in those early days.

COMPETITIONS: Bloom: Anne Bicknell 1, Jill Affleck 2, Sue Fah 3. Cluster: Jill Affleck 1, Anne Bicknell 2, Sue Fah 3. Shrub: Sue Fah 1, Anne Bicknell 2, Jill Affleck 3. Orchid: Sue Fah 1, Jill Affleck 2.

KEREPEHI WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President Elaine Jolliffe welcomed seven members to our April meeting at the earlier time of 10am as it was our birthday and we were all going out for lunch. Our thought for the month was read by Ethel Fowell, “Gratitude turns what we have into enough Aesops Fables”.

Our roll calls were one \$5 gift for our birthday bag to wear your favourite necklace. Set competition a homemade bookmark, any medium. No flowers today as we were only there for our meeting. Marion van Eyk was given

a lovely pot plant for their 40th wedding anniversary. Our birthday raffle, which we had all contributed something to last month, was won by Bev Adamson.

A get well card was signed by us all for Carolyn Giles and dropped off to her later that day.

We carpooled and left 11:45am for lunch at Waikino Railway Station. We had a quick lunch and then got our tickets and boarded the train for Waihi. It was a lovely day so we all stayed outside to watch the rural views. We arrived in Waihi and had a 10 minute stop over, then left to return back to Waikino. We even had a guard come through and clip our tickets, both ways.

Our next meeting is on May 11 at the Kerepehi Bowling Club.

COMPETITION: Handmade Bookmark: 1st Ethel; 2nd Jan Edmonds; 3rd Bev Adamson.

Animal rescue celebrates 21 years

Thames Animal Rescue celebrated its 21-year milestone last month.

However, what the future holds for us and the unit is not really known at this stage as last year the Covid-19 pandemic really made life hard, more so financially, and this year hasn't been kind to us either.

It's really the funding of the unit that is our biggest and most important issue at hand. Garage sales earn good money but for both of us without our small band of volunteers we couldn't physically cope with doing them, so we just do what we can for now. Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now, donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk all appreciated. If you'd like to donate any clean and sellable items for our next garage sale, books, toys, clothes, shoes, linen, nic nacs, bric brac etc, please contact us.

Nevertheless, the Easter garage sale was truly an epic event which would never have been able to go ahead without our awesome small team of volunteers to help with set up, sales on the day and packing down and cleaning up - from 8.30am to 9.45am. From 10am onwards the out of town visitors came into the hall chortling how cheap everything was and they were what really made the difference to the funds raised. We are very grateful to everyone for their support, Kath's yummy carrot cake, garage sale donations and people who came with donations of food and those who purchased items. This will hope-

fully take us through to June when we have the Queen's birthday garage sale - we will need donations of books, toys, puzzles, crafts, yarn, nic nacs bric brac, linen, china, small household items to sell that weekend please.

We received a lovely letter in the mail to explain about the black mother cat and her two kittens born in the garden, so at least that part of the puzzle is complete and we appreciate that letter. The tiny black mum cat eats well but is totally unsociable, which is saying she is like her babies - born into the world without a forever home. So we hope to get her sociable and loveable as we do with these waifs, she will be spayed and put up for adoption after that. Her babies, Tam, the special edition tabby girl with funny back legs, is a delight and loves to love and purrs hard out. Her brother Strika is a difficult boy who is friendly then without any warning will swipe and strike out at you. His unpredictable behaviour is bizarre as he is only shown love and caring from us, so we just persevere.

Thank you to those who have donated cat food, tinned, sachets, pet milk and kitten food. This is truly appreciated, more so than people realise right now. We have also had a lovely lady crochet toys and blankets for the cats who love them. To donate: Thames Animal Rescue Team 06 0457 0095150 01, reference where you want the funds spent - vet, food etc.

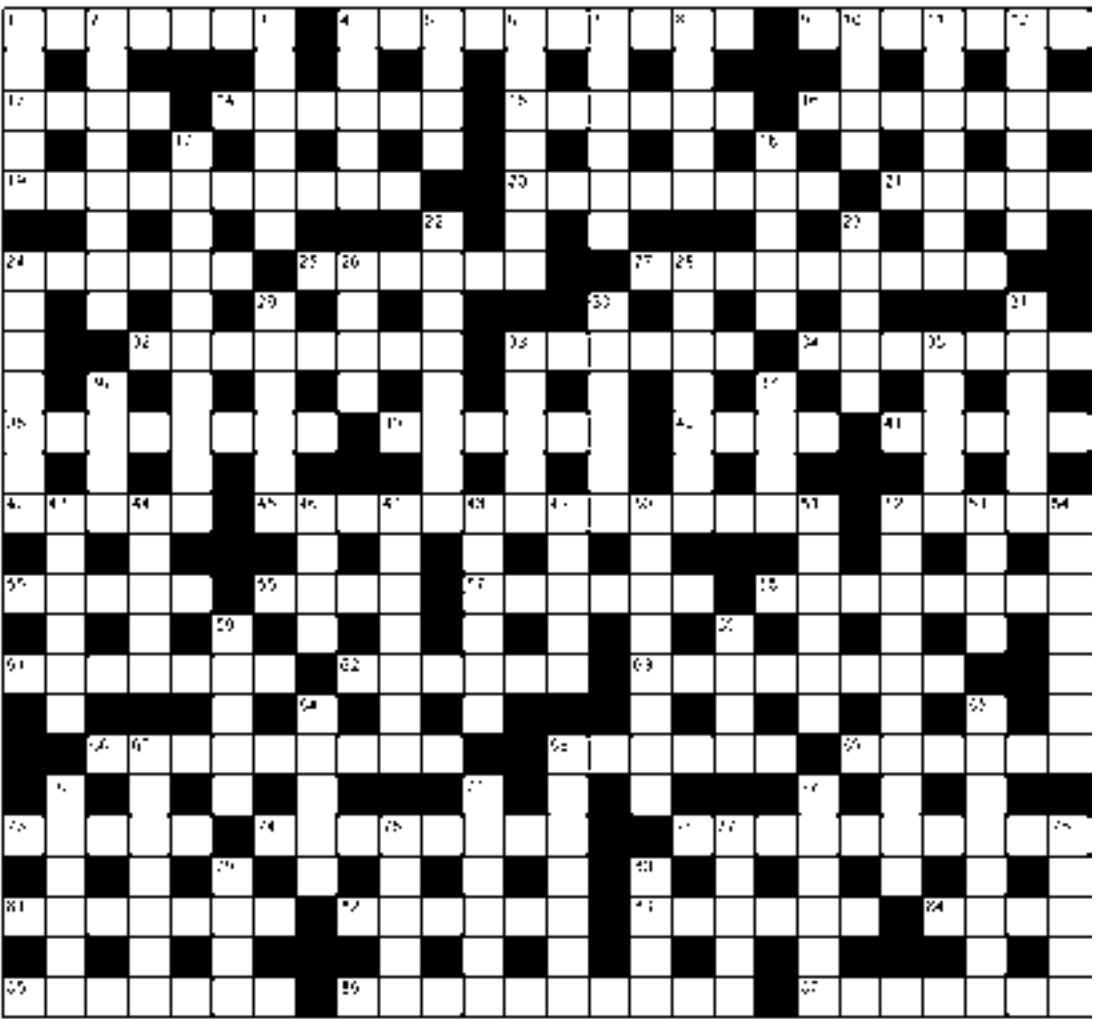
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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
1 Underground cell (7)
4 Learner (10)
9 Jewellery item (7)
13 German composer (4)
14 Bought off (6)
15 Wandered (6)
16 Criminal falsification (7)
19 Sportsground display (10)
20 Squeeze (8)
21 Foreign (5)
24 Irritable (6)
25 Lubricant (6)
27 Go ashore (9)
32 Wall scribbles (8)
33 Absolutely still (6)
34 Pungent powder (7)
38 Happy sound (8)
39 Be next (6)
40 Salver (4)
41 Adhesive (5)
42 Wilt (5)
45 Work as an actor (5,3,6)
52 City head (5)
55 Hessian (5)
56 Block up (4)
57 Anger (6)
58 Gardenia (anag) (8)
61 Directly under (7)
62 Perform a favour for (6)
63 Codswallop (8)
66 Round (9)
68 Sibling (6)
69 Irksome (6)
73 Bishop's hat (5)
- DOWN**
1 Liabilities (5)
2 Boy's name (8)
3 Restricted (6)
4 Cautionary light (5)
5 Small groups of whales (4)
6 Pain in the head (7)
7 Shock (6)
8 Exonerate (5)
10 Shortly (4)
11 At fixed intervals (7)
12 Suckled (6)
17 Body of people belonging to an organisation (10)
18 Invited (5)
22 Flower (8)
23 More or less (5)
24 Ringed (7)
26 Destroy (4)
28 Sluggishness (7)
29 Have an influence on (6)
30 Spun trap (6)
31 Cave (6)
33 Pilfer (5)
35 Jewelled headdress (5)
36 Board game (4)
- 74 Slaughterhouse (8)**
76 Stocking straps (10)
81 Prickly plant (7)
82 Woodland (6)
83 Put into cipher (6)
84 Astound (4)
85 Set apart (7)
86 Plant nursery (10)
87 Cheat (7)
37 Gruelling (4)
43 Din (6)
44 Oily fruit (5)
46 Actor's part (4)
47 Branch of mathematics (7)
48 Dissertation (6)
49 Uncanny (5)
50 Keyboard player (8)
51 Did duty (6)
52 Coiled driving force in a clock, watch (10)
53 Time period (4)
54 Smelling offensively (7)
59 Early anaesthetic (5)
60 Gambler's stake (4)
64 Branches (5)
65 Halved (8)
67 Sunshade (7)
68 Score (7)
70 Wealth (6)
71 Intimate friends (6)
72 Black suit (6)
75 Creature in Scandinavian folklore (5)
77 Male relation (5)
78 Surface burn (5)
79 Plan secretly (4)
80 South American country (4)



ACROSS: 1 Dungeon, 4 Apprentice, 9 Earring, 13 Bach, 14 Bribed, 15 Roamed, 16 Forgery, 19 Scoreboard, 20 Compress, 21 Alien, 24 Crabby, 25 Grease, 27 Disembark, 32 Graffiti, 33 Frozen, 34 Mustard, 38 Laughing, 39 Follow, 40 Tray, 41 Paste, 42 Drop, 45 Tread the boards, 52 Mayor, 55 Scribble, 56 Plug, 57 Enrage, 58 Drainage, 61 Beneath, 62 Oblige, 63 Nonsense, 66 Spherical, 68 Sister, 69 Trying, 73 Mire, 74 Abattoir, 76 Suspenders, 81 Thistle, 82 Forest, 83 Encode, 84 Stun, 85 Isolate, 86 Glasshouse, 87 Swindle.

DOWN: 1 Debts, 2 Nicholas, 3 Narrow, 4 Amber, 5 Pods, 6 Earache, 7 Trauma, 8 Clear, 10 Anon, 11 Regular, 12 Nursed, 17 Membership, 18 Asked, 22 Margot, 23 About, 24 Circled, 26 Ruin, 28 Inertia, 29 Affair, 30 Cobweb, 31 Grotesque, 33 Fitch, 35 Tiaras, 36 Ludo, 37 Hard, 43 Racket, 44 Olive, 46 Role, 47 Algebra, 48 Thesis, 49 Eerie, 50 Organist, 51 Served, 52 Mainstream, 53 Year, 54 Reeking, 59 Ether, 60 Ante, 64 Limbs, 65 Bisection, 67 Parasol, 68 Scratch, 70 Riches, 71 Lovers, 72 Spades, 75 Troll, 77 Uncle, 78 Singe, 79 Plot, 80 Peru.

SPORTS

Paeroa men pushed to 'breaking point' on barefoot walk

By KELLEY TANTAU

A pair of Paeroa men put their feet to the test when they braved two of the country's Great Walks - barefoot. Vini Williams and Jack Keelys walked more than 100km in just five days, raising money for the purchase of shoes for children from low socio-economic backgrounds in both New Zealand and Africa.

Jack told *The Profile* the first day of their trek across the Abel Tasman was "perhaps over-ambitious".

"Almost 40km with full packs on day one was extremely tough and pushed us to breaking point."

"The ground was much tougher than we expected, and being on our feet for 12 hours was tough on the legs," he said.

On the second day, they walked another 20km before embarking on a water taxi ride, a rental car drive, and a flight to Auckland airport.

Their second Great Walk, Lake Waikaremoana, in Hawke's Bay, started with a 10km trek and a 600m elevation. The next day, the fourth day of their journey, they walked another 28km, while the final day took a turn for the worst when the men realised their "pick-up ride" wasn't coming to get them.



Jack Keelys, left, and Vini Williams walked more than 100km across five days in bare feet. RIGHT: Vini Williams enjoys the view.



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"Vini was walking on a sliced foot, with open blisters on each of his feet and swollen ankles at this point, so I ran ahead to complete the track and hitchhiked 50km to our car."

"I had to walk an extra 7km to get picked up on a deserted gravel road in the middle of nowhere, but eventually a friendly local came past and dropped me off," Jack said.

"It was on track to be 100km in 100 hours, but ended up being 113km in 101 hours."

First aid kits the pair took on their journey were well-used, he said, with needles for bursting fluid pouches in swollen feet, bandages and plasters for cuts, tweezers for splinters, and lots of antiseptic.

"For the last three hours of day one, we walked in almost


complete silence, and collapsed in the middle of the track more than once," Jack said.

"It's difficult to articulate how challenging that day was, hobbling on exhausted muscles, raw feet, and in the cold and dark with heavy packs and still more to go."

"But what kept us going, was that we knew there were so many young Kiwis who could

be both inspired and impacted by us finishing and raising the money, and we knew that long-term impact was worth our short-term pain."

The men have raised around \$10,500 for their efforts, and Jack said he would be planning his next "Charity Challenge" in the second half of the year. To keep up to date, find him on Instagram.



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