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Tango comes to Thames

By KELLEY TANTAU

For Jana and Sergio Corvalan, the tango is more than just a dance.

It's a way to connect without words, for two to move "together as one".

"It's communication without talking," Jana said. "I'm so tired after talking all day, so [dancing the tango] is a moment of relaxation and peace."

Jana and Sergio met on the dance-floor in Argentina in 2016. Both had various experiences with the tango, with Sergio having been a dancer since he was five-years-old, and Jana teaching it to colleagues in California.

But when Jana met her husband, he opened her horizons, she told *The Profile*.

"I saw it not just as a dance, but I saw the background of it, the culture, and saw that everybody could do it. The therapeutic effect, that's the beauty of it," she said. "Tango is something special."

The pair have recently moved to Thames, and their passion for the dance has since inspired them to share it with the community. They will host classes inviting people to celebrate and learn the tango, with their next lesson being held on Friday.

Jana said the tango could be used to improve mental and physical wellness, as well as posture.

"When people usually start to dance [tango], I can see on their face that it's

addictive," she said.

Tango is a partner dance that originated in the 1880s along the Río de la Plata, the natural border between Argentina and Uruguay.

There, it is widely popular to see couples dance the tango in public.

"It's very common that people dance on the street, and it's something that attracts tourists to Argentina," Jana said.

The couple started performing publicly in Thames around six weeks ago, most notably at the Thames Market, and wanted to see how people reacted and if they enjoyed it.

And when they weren't dancing the tango, Jana worked full-time as a GP with Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, while Sergio was taking classes to learn English.

They will be teaching tango at Lotus Realm, Pollen St, Thames every Thursday for the next six weeks between 7pm-9pm.

Jana encouraged people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and fitness levels to participate.

"When you start dancing, you discover your capacities," she said.

"Each individual has their own way of expressing emotions, and it translates to their body language, so in tango, we don't really talk during the dance.

"It's communication with embrace."



Jana and Sergio Corvalan will bring their passion for tango to the people of Thames. Photo: SUPPLIED

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Electric vehicles on show at Thames expo

oFU3L – the number plate on the electric car said it all and explained the reason for the mini expo of electric vehicles held in Thames recently.

Thames Transition Town (T3) organiser John Leenman didn't pull any punches when he gave the reasons why he owned a Tesla – no exhaust pipe and no carbon burned on travel.

"We are rapidly heading to the point of no return (with climate change)," he said.

"My four grandchildren are a big motivator. They are not going to live to our age unless we do something."

'We are rapidly heading to the point of no return (with climate change)'

- John Leeman

About 80 people attended the expo, held at the Thames-Coromandel District Council car park, with about 15 electric vehicles coming from as far away as Auckland and Opotiki on show.

The range of vehicles included Nissan e-NV200, VW Golf, Kia E Niro, Tesla Model 3 and Model X and a Kona, as well as a camper van, scooter and electric bicycles, showcased by Matthias John, and his wife Elena, directors of local



John Leenman, left, with members of T3 at the Electric Vehicle Expo held in Thames. Photo: SUPPLIED

Thames business JollyBikes.

The couple have offered sales, service and rentals of e-bikes since 2015, and have seen a substantial growth in the popularity of electric bikes, also boosted by the Hauraki Rail Trail and other cycle trails.

Matthias believed on-road biking was still problematic for some people and trusted a more cycle-friendly environment

in towns and cities lies ahead.

Also present at the expo was a representative from the Better NZ Trust, Robert Nicholls.

He said the trust was a voluntary organisation to promote the uptake of electric vehicles in New Zealand by telling people what it was like to own one and help dispel some of the myths.

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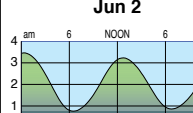

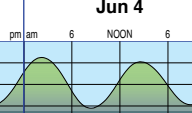
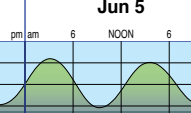
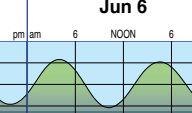
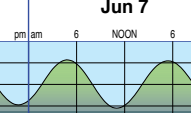
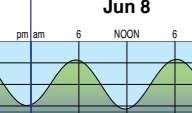
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Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	13

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Hauraki business students find their cup of tea

By KELLEY TANTAU

Entrepreneurial Hauraki students have brewed up a tea just in time for the winter season.

Jade Dent-Bowering, Brooke Samuels, Natasha Otto, Imogen Bjerring, and Fairven Harris, from Hauraki Plains College, have created Elixir, an environmentally-friendly, vegan, organic and cruelty-free blend of tea.

The business venture is part of the Young Enterprise Scheme, a national programme in which students set up and run a real business.

Imogen Bjerring, the enterprise's chief executive, told *The Profile* the tea had its official launch this week.

"It's definitely becoming more of a trend to eat healthy, especially with Covid; people are more conscious about their health," she said.

"Our product is completely environmentally-friendly, and that's also become a popular subject."

Elixir's first tea blend, Health and Wellbeing, contains hibiscus flower, manuka leaf, lavender and lemon balm.

Imogen, 17, said the ingredients were high in antioxidants and good mood-balancers.

"In the future, we'll definitely be making blends that are more specific to certain things, like mood teas or teas just for diges-

tion, or just for skin."

The herbs were "100 per cent" organic and locally sourced, she said.

"We as a group did a lot of research into different herbs and their properties and what would taste nice together.

"I ordered them in, and I was quite lucky with testing the ratios. Lavender is quite strong, so I didn't want as much of that, and manuka is sweeter, so I wanted more of that," Imogen said.

"It's a floral, herby tea, but it actually tastes very fruity."

The business is currently accepting orders through its Instagram page. In a pack, customers get 15 servings of the tea blend, plus two reusable, hand-made tea bags.

"We'd done research into other reusable tea bags, and everyone recommended cotton as the best because it was reusable for a little while, and then after a couple of months, it was biodegradable," Imogen said.

"We really didn't want to leave any carbon footprint, so all the fabric we've sourced we've upcycled from second-hand stores."

The biggest challenge was constructing the string of the tea bag to make it sturdy. To solve the issue, they added a wooden bead at the end of the string and avoided using plastic. The only plastic in the students' product was the lid of its



coffee cup, which was recyclable, she said.

For pricing, information and pre-orders, check out the business on Instagram: @elixr_naturaltea.

ABOVE: Elixir creators, back from left, Jade Dent-Bowering, Brooke Samuels, and Natasha Otto, and front left, Imogen Bjerring and Fairven Harris.

RIGHT: Elixir's first tea blend, Health and Wellbeing, contains hibiscus flower, manuka leaf, lavender and lemon balm.

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Kaiaua kids support gumboot day

By KELLEY TANTAU

A row of wellies were lined up outside a classroom at Kaiaua School, in the Hauraki, on Friday.

They were there to adorn the feet of the students, who 'gumbooted up' in support of the annual Gumboot Friday fundraiser. Kaiaua School principal Karlos Bosson wore his gumboots alongside the children, and they all had hot chip butties as a treat for lunch. The school was one of many throughout the district to take part in the day.

The annual event first kicked off in 2019. It's run by I AM HOPE, a charity founded by Mike King, and its aim is to get people to pull on their gumboots and give a gold coin to raise money for free and timely counselling for any young person in need.

For more information, visit: www.iamhope.org.nz.



Cameron Oswald, Carter Maitland, Travis Maitland, and Hunter Lees Mamentu Faulkner support the cause.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU



Kayla Mayhead, Katene Toluaki, and Maria Angell show off their gumboots.



Kaiaua School rallied to support Gumboot Friday on May 28.



Students and principal Karlos Bosson 'gumbooted up' for Gumboot Friday.



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June 13: Gliss Harp Quartet: at St Georges Church, Thames, at 2pm. Tickets at the door or at Carson's Bookshop.

June 19-20: Songs for Solstice: presented by St George's Community Choir, with Jono Dunlop and Michael Bell. St George's Church, tickets at the door or at Carson's Bookshop.

June 26: Shave 4 Starship: Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade from 3pm at the Ngatea Fire Station. Get involved and fundraise. All proceeds go to Starship. Bank Acc details 38-9002-0546884-08.

July 3-10: Thames Music and Drama presents *Peter Pan & the Medallion's Secret*, at Thames Civic Centre, July 3 -10.

August 13-15: 150 Years of Thames Rugby: Thames Rugby & Sports Club, Rhodes Park, catch up function, invitational game and celebration dinner. www.trsc.co.nz/150years.

August 21: Thames Valley Chess Championship: at the Thames Civic Centre Conference Room, Mary St. Must be level one to play. Free entry.

September 12: Trail Trilogy: Run or walk in five events on the Hauraki Rail trail, from 10km to 140km. More info: www.trailtrilogy.com.

October 5: Hotel California The Eagles Experience: A live concert and stage show saluting the extraordinary talent and timeless catalogue of The Eagles. Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, 8pm. Tickets: eventfinda.co.nz.

October 16: Ngatea Garage Sale: Thousands flock to Ngatea to find a bargain. Main street, Ngatea, 9am to 2pm.

LOCAL MARKETS

Kaiaua Seaside Market: held at The Boating Club in Kaiaua, 9-1pm, last Sunday of the month. Set up a stall or come along to hunt out a bargain. Ph 027 489 7850.

Karangahake Hall Market: Fourth Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm, 12 Crown Hill Rd. A great variety of stalls selling handcrafts, preserves, plants and more. Ph 027 678 2035.

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Electric Universe, pictured, is part of *The Timeless Tour* coming to Thames on June 5. The show will take attendees back to the timeless era of 70s rock and roll; when the guitars soared, the drums pummelled, singers swaggered and the audience partied like there was no tomorrow. The show is headlined by New Zealand's premier *Jimi Hendrix Tribute band*. Jimi Kara and the Bluesos play all the best Hendrix hits and sound as close to the real thing as you are going to get. Prepare for all your favourite tracks to be shredded with precision including *Purple Haze*, *Foxy Lady* and *Voodoo Chile*. Before that though, the party will kick off with *Electric Universe*, New Zealand's proudest classic rock export who have recently been signed to MR Records in Australia. The line up includes

Shane Davies on vocals; Michael "Mutt" Furness and Baz Mantis on guitar; Nigel Masters on keyboard; Patrick Hawkins on bass; Matt Baxter on drums; and Jana Rose and Mazi Star doing the backing vocals. The Thames show is free to attend and guests are encouraged to get in early to secure their spot. DETAILS: Timeless Tour, Saturday, June 5, 8pm at The Rocker Box, 476 Pollen St, Thames. R18. Free admission.

GIVEAWAY

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- Paeroa Society of Arts: paeroaartsociety@gmail.com
- Paeroa Walking Group: 9am Mon Wed Fri, Elaine Lally, Ph 07 862 8409
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Whale stranded at Thornton Bay



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.

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The Vacuum Oil Company had plans for the establishment in Paeroa of very extensive bulk storage tanks and a pipe line which would make it an important centre for the distribution of motor spirit, diesel and fuel oils. One 5000 gallon tank, one 320,000 gallon, two 502,000 gallon and one 1,000,000 gallon tank were to be built on property acquired by the company adjacent to the storage tanks of the Atlantic Union Oil in Puke Road. It was intended to use sea transport to Ngahina wharf, Paeroa, and construct a pipeline to the storage tanks into which the company's products could be pumped direct from the transporting vessel.
A social afternoon and monthly meeting of the Waihi branch of the Women's Institute saw a large attendance of members and visitors. The rose bowl competition was won by the Ngatea branch. A demonstration was given on making flowers from wire and coloured cotton, and Mrs Page won the prize for the



Thornton Bay on the Thames Coast. Photo: SUPPLIED

competition 'How many girls' names with four letters.' Much amusement was caused when each member related the most embarrassing experience of their lifetime.
A light truck carrying five employees of the Maramarua Forestry Department failed to negotiate the turn off to Kopuarahi just past the Piako Ferry and ran into a ditch. The truck was extensively damaged and three of the men were admitted to Thames Hospital. A group of Thames Valley farmers planned to open a fertiliser works. A ship would carry the finished product and raw materials to and from Auckland with a distribution system to cover most of the North Island. The company was to dredge an area of 24 square miles in the Thames estuary, removing such marine life and deposits as mussels, crabs, seaweed and non-edible fish. The Hauraki Shipping Company would run the 220 ton motor ship Hauraki Trader, which had been brought from Australia. The estuary had been transformed by three large rivers into an organic delta, with marine life feeding there and deposits containing elements of fertility needed to revitalise impoverished soil. Tests had proved promising. The company planned bulk distribution mainly from silo to farm.
A 24ft baleen whale stranded at Thornton Bay, Thames Coast, but died from injuries inflicted by a swordfish. The whale, which had a tail measuring 5ft 8in and a girth of about 18ft, was first seen threshing and spouting in shallow water early in the morning. Twice during low tide it was beached but it was difficult to approach because of the flailing tail.
Thieves broke in to the Cornwall Arms Hotel, Thames, and stole a small safe containing hundreds of pounds. The safe was later found broken up in a drain at Hikutaia. The Cornwall Arms was one of seven hotels with a liquor licence left in Thames following a cull by the Licensing Control Committee.



Ngatea and Puriri team members at the Sky Tower Challenge. Photo: SUPPLIED

Firefighters do brigades proud

Roseanne Hitchman joined firefighters from around the Thames Valley and New Zealand to complete the gruelling Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge on May 22. It took the new mum 25 minutes and 14 seconds to ascend the 51 flights of stairs of the 382m Auckland Sky Tower. "It's a great experience doing it, and the encouragement from people when you're going up is overwhelming," she said. "Thanks for the brigade's and the community's support." The annual event was a fundraiser for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand, and Roseanne, from the Puriri Volunteer Fire Brigade, raised \$570. She made the climb with four Ngatea Fire Brigade members, and together they raised \$5668. Meanwhile, Thames Volunteer Fire Brigade's Claudia Chaplin, Ashton Baird, Kaira Gordon, and Sid Rana also had impressive run times. Claudia conquered the climb in 19 minutes, 59 seconds; Ashton in 17 minutes, 31 seconds; Kaira in 24 minutes, 39 seconds; and Sid in 21 minutes, 21 seconds. They raised \$5895 for the cause. For those interested in volunteering as part of the Puriri brigade, call into the station on Thursdays at 7:30pm.



The Thames Fire Brigade team raised \$5895 for Leukaemia NZ. Photo: SUPPLIED

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Rural Life

Planting ‘for the long term’ on Puriri farm

By KELLEY TANTAU

He may not be a farmer in the traditional sense, but Sam Dunlop has plans to spend the next few decades seeing native trees on his land flourish and thrive.

In March, 2020, Sam and his wife Stacey purchased a 16.5-hectare piece of land in Puriri from Stacey’s dad, Bruce Stent.

“Bruce lived there for 30 years, and he still grazes the property out for beef. I’m not a farmer, but when you’ve got a block that size, you’ve still got to look after it,” Sam said.

“Bruce has done a lot of pest control, and the whole hill used to be gorse, so we will still have stock because otherwise it’ll get a bit unruly, but my focus is more on the trees.”

At a biodiversity field day held on May 24 and hosted by the New Zealand Landcare Trust, Sam led a group of farmers and regional council staff around his Neavesville Rd farm.

‘Biodiversity’ meant a variety of plant and animal life was present in a particular area.

Of the 16.5-hectares of land, Sam has ambitions to plant

trees on 8-9ha, starting with a 0.5ha strip of wetland where an inlet of the Puriri Stream used to travel.

He has enlisted Waikato Regional Council and Landcare’s Waikato catchments co-ordinator Ric Balfour to help.

“I didn’t know where to start, and I didn’t want to get an excavator in there to just dig it up and make a mess, so I got Ric involved,” Sam said.

From that, Sam has since made a goal to establish a planting, maintenance, and pest control plan, and while initial planting should take one year, it may take up to five to ensure the trees were healthy and “working as they should”.

Sam grew up on a 10-acre farm in Kōpū, and said his dad Ian planted “hundreds and hundreds” of trees over the years.

He was hoping to do the same on his Puriri farm, and envisioned it to be a long-term, “40-year” project.

“It means I’ll be able to see a lot of the trees in a mature state, which not a lot of people get to do,” he said. “I love the area as well. Thames-Coromandel is my home and I want



The 0.5ha strip of wetland where Sam Dunlop is preparing to start planting. INSET: Sam Dunlop shows visitors around his Puriri farm, where he plans to plant hundreds of native trees.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU

to live here forever.”

Ric Balfour believed Sam represented a lot of smaller-scale rural landowners, in terms of their level of interest and capacity to actively farm.

He said the latter was limited by having full-time jobs and farm sizes that were more lifestyle than production oriented.

“I thoroughly admire his approach to managing the biodiversity of his property and his

keenness to influence his in-laws and their larger adjacent block.

“He is also interested in starting a catchment group which is another admirable trait that I am seeing more of in the farming community,” he said.

Landcare Trust was planning to host another workshop for interested people from the Neavesville and Maratoto valleys in July on how to start up a

catchment group, and why they should get involved, Ric said.

“I would encourage more people to follow that interest, and by getting together, it makes a great community network.

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In the following pages, you will find a valuable resource, with information and messages from our district Mayors and local businesses, who welcome all newcomers to our stunning corner of the country. We hope your big move was a breeze, you're settling in well and you enjoy exploring the beautiful Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel districts!

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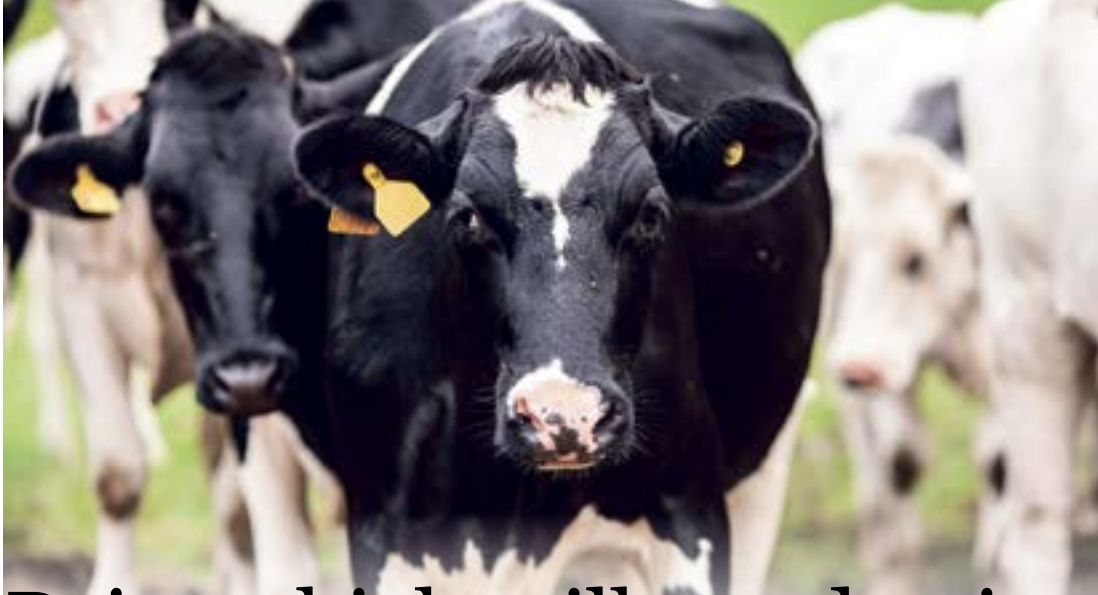
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Drive a high milk production

Much of what drives a herd towards a high and sustained milk production is established during the three months leading up to calving: the dry-off or transition period.

Firstly, this period should allow the milk producing cells of the udder a rest and time to replenish. Secondly, it should ensure the herd has sufficient time to gain the required body condition to meet calving targets. Lastly, "warm the cows up" ahead of their big game – that is, ensure they are match fit ahead of calving.

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The *Valley Profile* has compiled a list of favourite places throughout the Thames Valley to get you started.

WAIOMU
Nestled on the scenic Thames Coast, the beach town of Waiomu has a lot to offer. Here you can enjoy great food and coffee at the Waiomu Cafe or bring a picnic and enjoy watching the waves roll in from under massive pohutukawa trees in the Waiomu Reserve.

Once your bellies are full, take an easy 1-hour walk to the Waiomu Kauri Grove to see some of the country's largest kauri trees, some many hundreds of years old. If walking isn't your thing, hitch up the boat or take a fishing charter to the mussel farms, where the snapper are waiting. Or pack

your rod for some fishing off the rocks along the Thames Coast.

Finish your day watching a stunning sunset over the Firth of Thames.

KARANGAHAKE GORGE
If you're fascinated by mining relics, tunnels and enjoy spectacular scenery, swing bridges and bush walks, pay a visit to the Karangahake Gorge.

Bush walks here range from the family-friendly Windows Walk through old mining tunnels to longer walks to Dickie's Flat or the top of Karangahake Mountain, where the vistas will take your breath away. Have a break at the Talisman Cafe across the road from the main car park before catching the train from Waikino to Waihi.

There are plenty of options when it comes to eateries, including meals, accommodation or tasting hand-crafted wines at Karangahake Winery Estate.

KAUAEARANGA VALLEY
Explore the Coromandel Ranges from the Kauaeranga Valley, a hidden gem tucked away behind Thames township.

Your first stop should be the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre,



The Waiomu Kauri Grove walk takes you to some of the oldest kauri trees in NZ.

Photo: TERESA RAMSEY

around 13km from Thames, where you can learn the history of the area or check conditions for a longer walk to either the Pinnacles Hut or to more mature kauri. A replica model dam (built to scale) like those used in the days of kauri logging is just a short walk from the visitor centre. The Department of Conservation also has campsites available or, if you're feeling adventurous, you could try abseiling,

jumping and zip-lining down sparkling waterfalls with adventure company Canyonz.

HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL
One way to see the entire region in one go is to hop on your bike and explore the Hauraki Rail Trail. This easy, grade one, 197km cycle trail will take you from Kaiaua and Miranda in the north, to Thames, Paeroa and the Karangahake Gorge to Waihi, or Te Aroha and Mata-

mata in the south.

There's plenty to do along the way. You can stop off at restaurants or cafes on the trail, such as the Bugger Cafe in Pipiroa, the Matatoki Cheese Barn, or the Waikino Tavern. If you need a break from the bike, check out the shops and museums during day trips or extend your ride by taking advantage of many great places to stay along the trail.

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But life in the Coromandel isn't all about fishing, surfing and tramping. Our council is putting in the hard work behind the scenes to make sure we've got the economic foundation that will keep our communities thriving. Our local economy is on a reasonable footing, but we know that globally it's still very shaky as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to play out around the world. That's why one of the key focuses in our long term plan for 2021-2031 that's about to be finalized, is investing in the essential infrastructure and services our district needs, such as keeping our communities supplied with drinking water, planning for more housing in the Thames area and addressing the impacts of climate change. We're also aligning our district's social and economic needs with funding opportunities central government has been signaling, particularly around housing and tourism recovery.

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Nau mai, haere mai. Congratulations on moving to the Hauraki District. We know you're going to love it here. For a start, we're at the heart of the Golden Triangle. Which means that while it feels like you're a world away from the hustle and bustle of city life, in reality you're only a dog's whistle from the bright lights of Auckland/Tāmaki Makaurau, Hamilton/Kirikiriroa and Tauranga Moana. Hauraki Roads lead straight to the heart of some of our biggest cities and ports. We're just an hour or so from three airports, and only a stone's throw from stunning beaches, rivers, bush walks and cycle trails. With calving just around the corner I know things are about to get pretty busy in your part of the paddock, but if you do get some free time I guarantee you won't have any trouble finding ways to spend it. Whether you're into hunting, fishing, adventure, exercising, shopping, or the cafe and restaurant scene, we've got it all, right here in our own back yard. Make sure you take some time to check out the Karangahake Gorge, Shorebird Coast, Waharau Regional Park, Whiritoa Beach and of course the Hauraki Rail Trail. As a grade one trail, it's pretty easy going which makes it suitable for the whole family and a great way to check out the district and the surrounding area too. As well as being at the heart of the Golden Triangle, Hauraki has a big heart. We care about each other. It takes a big team effort to make our towns, streets and homes safe, vibrant and caring places to be, and we work hard at it. We're sure you'll settle in quickly and love living in Hauraki just as much as we do, but if you have any questions remember our friendly councillors and staff are here to help. Don't be shy to get in touch, introduce yourself, check out our website, message us on Facebook, or call us on 07 862 8069 or 0800 734 834 for more information on the services we provide. Once you've settled the cows in, organised the implement shed, and unpacked all those boxes we'd love to hear from you!

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ABOUT THE TEAM:
PAEROA CONTACT C.A.R.E - Teryl has 12 years' experience, trained by creator and founder Dale Speedy of Ngatea. Trained to locate and release trapped bone pressure, relieving pain, tension and unresolved injury combinations to find the person's true personality again. Rebalancing the body's homeostasis by gently working with the body's natural systems. Also drawing on her knowledge gained from her diploma in Ambulance Practice.
BALANCE HOMEOPATHY - June qualified as a homeopath at the completion of four years of study with The College of Natural Health and Homeopathy. Homeopathy is a holistic alternative form of treatment useful for a wide range of conditions. As gentle and effective therapy, it supports each person as a unique individual towards physical and emotional balance.
WAX-OUT - Mari has more than 30 years' experience as a Registered Nurse, with specialist training in ear health. Micro-suction is more comfortable and safer than syringing ears for cleaning. Old, hard wax can lead to permanent damage and



REFLEXOLOGY - Shannon has a Diploma in Reflexology with three years' experience and level 5 certificate in anatomy and physiology with honours. This ancient and natural form of healing treats the whole body through the feet. Reflexology works on the feet's reflex zones, gently stimulating the body's own healing response.
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Today, ample research has shown nature exposure has numerous long-term benefits, most especially for our developing little ones. Outdoor play fosters children's intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development. Being outside feels good too, children are free to explore and move about, which relaxes, and reduces tension, anxiety, and restlessness. By being outside and surrounded by nature, children experience an ever changing and free flowing environment that stimulates all their senses,

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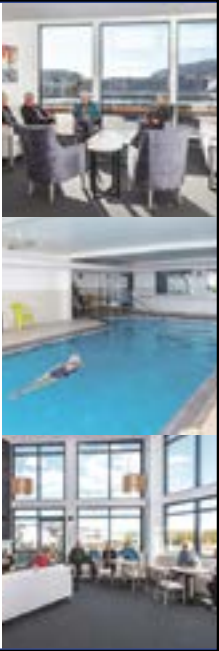
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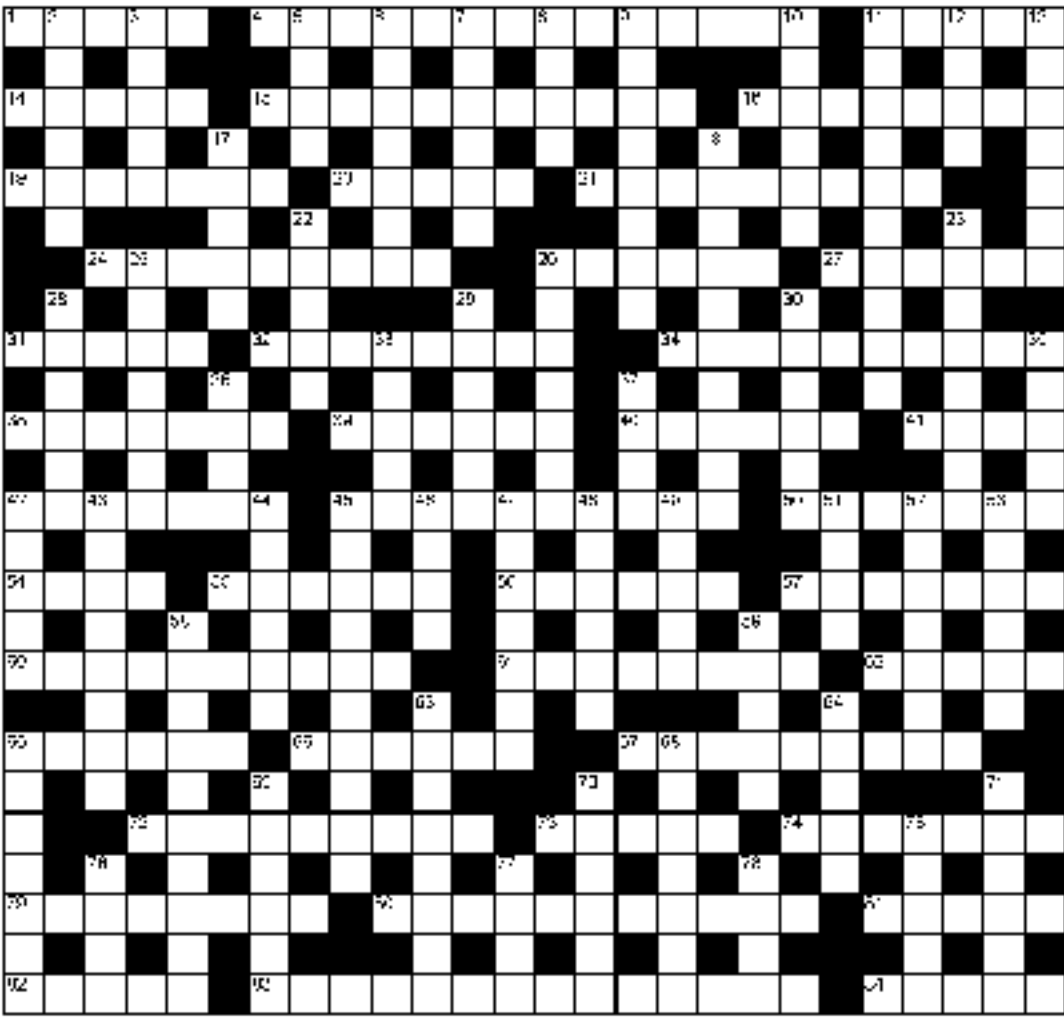
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ACROSS

- 1 Kit out (5)
4 Look for a chance to flirt (4,1,6,3)
11 Father's sisters (5)
14 Pilot's badge (5)
15 Type of painting (11)
16 Curved sword (8)
19 Noughts (anag) (7)
20 Submerged in (5)
21 Adjusting a lens for picture clarity (9)
24 Worth having or seeking (9)
26 Bitter-tasting (6)
27 Break out (6)
31 Scoff at (5)
32 End user (8)
34 Rival (10)
38 Museum keeper (7)
39 Material (6)
40 Warns (6)
41 Drag (4)
42 Whodunnit (7)
45 Tempted Ron (anag)(10)
50 Quickly (7)
54 Radiance (4)
55 Carve (6)
56 Treasured (6)
57 Scented toilet water (7)
60 Engine (10)
61 Mirage (8)
62 Unforeseen obstacle (5)
65 Quit (6)
66 Flower (6)
67 A hard gimp (anag) (9)
72 Underlying logic for a course of action (9)
73 Penniless (5)
74 Do away with (7)
79 Sense of direction (8)
80 Insubordinate (11)
81 Water body (5)
82 Squeeze out (5)
83 Intensive and prolonged interrogation (3,5,6)
84 Senior tribe member (5)
DOWN
2 Savoury open pie (2)
3 Cast metal bar (5)
5 At a great distance (4)
6 Everlasting (7)
7 Soaring missile (6)
8 Depraved (4)
9 Mental disorder (8)
10 Surplus (6)
11 Sad interim (anag) (10)
12 Take down (4)
13 Miserly person (7)
17 Iris opening (5)
18 Penalty (10)
22 Synthetic fabric (5)
23 Leading troops (8)
25 Stylish, graceful (7)
26 Fruit (7)
28 Boisterous (6)
29 Developing unborn (6)
30 Woodlouse (6)
33 Urbane (5)
35 Call to arms (5)
36 Extended pleasure journey (4)
37 Lose colour (4)
42 Business tycoon (5)
43 Display cabinet (8)
44 Sailboats (6)
45 Giving birth (10)
46 Tame animals (4)
47 Answered (7)
48 Predominantly (6)
49 Requirements (5)
51 Sailor's shout (4)
52 Household chore (7)
53 Extreme foolishness (6)
58 Moving overseas (10)
59 Two-doored car (5)
63 Infantile (8)
64 Investigation (5)
65 Coloured arch (7)
68 Slight suspicion (7)
69 Move restlessly (6)
70 Ally (6)
71 Property (6)
75 Neighbourhood pub (5)
76 Indian garment (4)
77 Hinged barrier (4)
78 Leg joint (4)



DOWN: 2 Quiche, 3 Ingot, 5 Aftar, 6 Eternal, 7 Rocket, 8 Vile, 9 Neurosis, 10 Excess, 11 Fidget, 20 Under, 21 Focussing, 24 Desirable, 26 Acidic, 27 Escape, 31 Sneer, 32 Consumer, 34 Challenger, 38 Curator, 39 Fabric, 40 Alerts, 41 Haul, 42 Mystery, 45 Deportment, 50 Rapidly, 54 Glow, 55 Sculpt, 56 Prized, 57 Cologne, 60 Locomotive, 61 Illusion, 62 Hitch, 65 Resign, 66 Orchid, 67 Diaphragm, 72 Rationale, 73 Broke, 74 Abolish, 79 Bearings, 80 Disobedient, 81 Ocean, 82 Wring, 83 The third degree, 84 Elder.

ACROSS: 1 Equip, 4 Have a roving eye, 11 Aunts, 14 Wings, 15 Watercolour, 16 Scimitar, 19 Shogun, 20 Under, 21 Focussing, 24 Desirable, 26 Acidic, 27 Escape, 31 Sneer, 32 Consumer, 34 Challenger, 38 Curator, 39 Fabric, 40 Alerts, 41 Haul, 42 Mystery, 45 Deportment, 50 Rapidly, 54 Glow, 55 Sculpt, 56 Prized, 57 Cologne, 60 Locomotive, 61 Illusion, 62 Hitch, 65 Resign, 66 Orchid, 67 Diaphragm, 72 Rationale, 73 Broke, 74 Abolish, 79 Bearings, 80 Disobedient, 81 Ocean, 82 Wring, 83 The third degree, 84 Elder.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Harpist brings *Gliss Quartet* to Thames

By ALLAN JUDD

When it comes to the world of harping, there is very little Thames musician Anna Dunwoodie hasn't done.

At the age of ten, after seeing a young harpist accompany herself while singing at the Thames CWI Competitions, Anna said to her mother: "That's what I want to do, play the harp".

Anna was already a confident singer, pianist and guitarist, and enjoyed being in the cast of the Thames Operatic Society's annual shows.

It took another five years to find a teacher and a harp, and convince her mother, Geraldine, to take her to Auckland for tuition.

After studying performance pedal harp and education at the University of Auckland, Anna headed to the United Kingdom to work and travel. While overseas, she attended harp gatherings and festivals.

"These were the sorts of events I loved being a student in, and we were sorely lacking in harp events in New Zealand, so I thought... I could do this back home".

More than thirty years on,

Anna has had the pleasure of seeing the harp community thrive in New Zealand, and it has much to do with her hard work behind the scenes. Active as a teacher, composer, performer, event organizer and general harp enabler, and until recently, editor of the NZ Harp Society journal.

Anna is responsible for bringing harpists from around the world, both to tour here in New Zealand in person, and now via her live monthly online Zoom Room Harp Chats right into the homes of Kiwi harpists.

In 2018, Anna organised a showcase in Auckland called 100 Harps as a way for members of the New Zealand harp scene to come together.

With seventeen harp businesses – teachers, performers, retailers and harp-makers involved, and more than 350 people coming to see the event, it was clear the future of New Zealand harping was very much alive.

In 2019, after teaching a five-day course on Kiwi/Celt harp music at the Edinburgh International Harp Festival, Anna was asked to present a paper at the World Harp Congress in Wales about "Removing the



The Gliss Harp Quartet, from left: Anna Dunwoodie, Bronwyn McConchie, Lucy Makinson and Laura Robertson. Photo: SUPPLIED

Barriers to Learning".

Having taught children with specific learning issues in schools, and with two dyslexic sons, she has a number of clever tips to advance the students with specific learning issues and raise the achievement of any beginner harpist.

Returning to Thames next week with the *Gliss Harp*

Quartet, Anna is looking forward to showcase their unique sound with harpists Bronwyn McConchie, Lucy Makinson and Laura Robertson.

"Expect the unexpected - harp music is not limited to any one genre or stereotype. We play music from the 17th-21st centuries in a programme that proves it can be difficult to fit

the harp into one box," Anna said. "You can look forward to a smattering of New Zealand compositions and our own arrangements, which will explore the full range of the instrument and its possibilities."

DETAILS: The Gliss Harp Quartet, St George's Church, June 13 at 2pm, tickets at the door or at Carson's Bookshop.

SPORTS RESULTS

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Thames Croquet Club cup winners with the club's patron Claire Twentyman (second left): Felix O'Carroll, left, Hilary Taylor and Dennis Karl. The club wound up its summer season with its AGM and prize giving on May 11. Even though the club's lawns were not up to standard for multi-club tournaments, we did hold some in-house tournaments and some members competed in tournaments in the Thames Valley area. Claire Twentyman, presented cups to the following: New Comers Cup - Felix O'Carroll; Cockburn Mercer Cup - Open Handicap Doubles - Hilary Taylor and Felix O'Carroll; Pam Wyrat Cup - Primary level Handicap Doubles - Hilary Taylor and Sue Karl (absent); Day Cup Open Singles - Dennis Karl. The Thames Valley, Waikato, King Country Challenge Shield was won by the Thames Valley Association and presented to team captain Dennis Karl.

KEREPEHI BOWLING CLUB

The rain stopped early on May 12, and 19 teams from around the Thames Valley gathered to play four games (Joint sponsorship by Ravensdown, RMS Contractors, Valley Toyota, Tony Richards Toyota). Results: 1st 4 wins 21 ends 22 points, (Coromandel) David Weatherley team; 2nd 3.5 wins 19 ends 27 points, (Whangamata) Noel Rae, G White, George Love, G Vercoe; 3rd 3.5 wins 20 ends 25 points, (Paeroa) Paul Ryan team; 4th 3 wins 20 ends 8 points, (Tui Park) Ken Paul team; 5th 2 wins 17 ends 12 points, (Paeroa) Paul Cornish, Pat Bevan, Rob Neale, Gary Barbour; 6th 2 wins 22 ends 4 points, (Kerepehi) Ian Smith, Garry Parker, Leon Taipari, Wayne Sveistrup. Scheduled for May 27, 35 teams entered for the annual Cockies/Stockies (1 non-bowler per team) now solely sponsored by Whyteline Suzuki Isuzu Paeroa. Next month – June 12: June Opt 4s (Martyn Barriball Memorial); June 27: Opt 4s (Gordon O'Brien Memorial).



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SPORTS

Paeroa College's history-making lacrosse match

By KELLEY TANTAU

When 14 players from Paeroa College stepped out on to a Tamahere field clutching lacrosse sticks, it was a historic occasion, win or lose. In its 63 years, the school had never had a lacrosse team and now, an all-girls squad was up against a team from Morrinsville, battling to catch and shoot a rubber ball into the opposition's goal.

In the first match of the season, and Paeroa's first match ever, the team came away with a 14-11 win, and no one was more ecstatic than coach Ursula Johnson.

Because not only was the game a momentous event for the college, but early signs showed it could also be the start of the sport's take-over of the Thames Valley. According to New Zealand Lacrosse, lacrosse was one of the country's fastest growing sports.

As early as 1885, teams were actively competing all over the country; however, the arrival of World War I and the dominance of rugby as New Zealand's most popular contact sport took over and few, if any, records of the game in the mid-twentieth century existed.

"Lacrosse is a growing sport throughout Waikato," Ursula Johnson said.

"It's definitely gaining a lot of interest, but I think it's about the accessibility to it."

Ursula started playing the

game when she herself was in high school.

She went on to represent New Zealand at the U19 world cup in Canada at age 17, and more recently, has been drawn to coaching and umpiring.

She coached the NZ U20 women's team to the Asia-Pacific tournament in South Korea in 2017 and 2019, where the team placed third both years.

She also went to Canada in 2019 to umpire at the U19 World Cup.

The girls from Paeroa College have to travel to Tamahere, near Cambridge, each weekend to compete, and it was this sticking point which hindered Ursula in setting up a team earlier.

However, the time was now right and the girls were prepared, she said.

"Going forward, I want to be able to start a league in Thames Valley so the [girls] would have the opportunity to play in the local area. The sport has to be accessible for people to want to play," she said.

Ursula, 31, who also doubled as the school's head of science, said she had an "holistic approach" when it came to sport.

"I try to get players to give back, so, once they've got a certain amount of skill, it'd be their turn to give back to the people coming through. I'm hoping to be able to have that happen at Paeroa College as well, to make sure it is a sustainable programme, because if it relies



Paeroa College's first ever lacrosse team with their coach, Ursula Johnson, right.

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on just me, it's not going to be sustainable as a sport."

According to a Sport Waikato participation summary, females aged between 15-18 participated in sport less than their male counterparts. Girls were also shown to drop out of sport quicker than any other defined group.

Ursula said about half of the Paeroa College team didn't traditionally play sports before picking up a lacrosse stick.

"Getting more girls to play

sports, that's what it's about," she said.

"If they haven't played traditional sports when they're younger, it's really hard to start in high school, but because lacrosse is a new sport, we tend to get a lot of girls trying it who don't play sports traditionally. And I think the opportunity to be active, to be a part of a team, and develop connections is really important."

The secondary school girls' league will have its final match

on August 22.

Paeroa College is currently putting forward its team in the B division, but Ursula said with more interest, more teams can be formed and players can improve on their skills.

"I've had so many positive experiences [from lacrosse] and I want them to have the same experiences that I know have helped shape my life," she said.

"As long as the kids are doing what they enjoy, and they're staying active, it's a win."



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