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Covid-19 cases found in Kaiaua

COVID-19 CROSSES BORDER

'Serious questions' are being raised after two Mangatangi primary school children and an adult tested positive for Covid-19 when their household contact was released from Mt Eden prison to a residence on the Firth of Thames

Photo: ANTHONY BUCKLEY

A Kaiaua couple are tested for Covid-19 at Wharewaka Marae on Monday morning.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU



By KELLEY TANTAU and TERESA RAMSEY

At least one of two primary school children had Covid-19 symptoms when they attended Mangatangi School last week, sparking concerns about the deadly virus being spread throughout the district.

The school has since shut down and the children's family is in isolation after the children and a family member tested positive for Covid-19 in Kaiaua/Whakatūwai, just outside Auckland's level 4 boundary.

The positive cases are household contacts of a man who tested positive last week when remanded to Mt Eden Prison, raising questions about why he was released from the Auckland prison during the city's level 4 lockdown to the Firth of Thames residence in a level 2 area.

According to the Ministry of Health, the remand prisoner was released on e-monitored bail from Mt Eden Prison on September 8 to a residence in the Firth of Thames until he appeared in the Manukau District Court on September 17.

Electronic monitoring shows he remained at the property from when he arrived on September 8 until he self-reported to Police at the East Coast Road boundary checkpoint at Waharau Regional Park on September 17.

The three positive cases, two children, and one adult, have been moved to a quarantine facility. Five other household members have so far tested negative, with the ninth member set to be tested on Mon-

day. Arrangements were being made for the students and their families to be tested, the ministry said.

Speaking to *The Profile* on Monday morning, Coromandel MP Scott Simpson said the new cases were "very worrying" for the local community.

The fact a remand prisoner was released on e-monitored bail from Mt Eden Prison on September 8 to a residence in the alert level 2 area of the Firth of Thames, raised "some serious questions", he said.

"I've been dealing with many cases of humanitarian situations where people with loved ones, for whatever reason, maybe they're grieving or ill, haven't been able to cross the border and yet here on the face of it, we seem to have a situation where someone from the remand prison in Mt Eden has been able to just get across the border almost no questions asked," Mr Simpson said.

"There's a ripple effect whenever there is a community outbreak, about who's been where, what, when and how, and naturally people will be asking questions about those things."

Mr Simpson said being locked down at any level was detrimental to the local economy.

"It's particularly tough on the Aucklanders who have been in level 4 now for longer than any other period of time, but even when we're in level 2 on this side of the Auckland border, businesses are still struggling, things aren't normal, and there is a cost that comes with it."

Hauraki District Mayor Toby Adams said he hoped correct testing procedures were undertaken on the man travelling into the alert level 2 border.

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'Potential to spread' beyond Kaiiua

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"That's something that may need to be tightened up on," he said, "but I'm not sure how he would have got [the virus]."

Mayor Adams said there was potential for spread beyond the Kaiiua/Whakatiwai communities, but he was concerned people weren't as tolerant of shut downs as earlier witnessed.

"Last time we were in lockdown, everyone was a little bit more patient, this time around they don't seem to be," he said.

"We know it's financially hard for a lot of people and I fully understand that... but we're struggling away in these tough times with the internet, and Netflix, and the comforts of home. Our forefathers have been through this in different times and it was a lot tougher.

"This is just part of something our generation is going through."

In a message on social media, the Mangatangi School board of trustees announced the school would close on Monday after receiving an "informal notification" of a positive Covid test in the school community.

According to its September 14 newsletter, the school was "really humming under alert level 2", with 80 per cent of students and four of its five teachers on site.

The school had been undertaking its "new normal" level 2 procedures, which included: the regular washing and/or sanitising of hands, no touching of others; cleaning "high



Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki chief executive Riana Manuel and GP Dr Martin Mikaere at the pop-up Covid-19 testing station in Wharewaka Marae on Monday.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

touch" surfaces daily; following good hygiene when sneezing and coughing; bringing a named drink bottle to school daily; and no parents being allowed at school assemblies.

"Your school board of trustees has made the decision in the interest of our tamariki, whānau and staff to close the school," the post, since removed, said.

"It is imperative that if you or any family members are feeling unwell or exhibiting any of

the symptoms outlined on the Covid website that you should get tested and follow their guidance/instructions."

Director of Public Health Dr Caroline McElnay said on Sunday afternoon the prisoner was travelling with one other person, who is now in isolation and was tested for Covid-19 on Sunday. "Four Police staff are now isolating following contact with this case. Corrections have advised that as the prison is closed to all visitors, only es-

sential staff were on site, five prison staff and six prisoners have been identified as contacts and are isolating."

A pop-up testing centre was set up on Monday at the Wharewaka Marae in Whakatiwai by about 20 Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki staff.

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Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0 12

Covid-positive truck driver visits Hauraki

By KELLEY TANTAU and TERESA RAMSEY

Three locations of interest in the Thames Valley have been named by the Ministry of Health after a Covid-positive Auckland-based truck driver visited several locations as part of his job as an essential worker.

The locations of interest named included: Ngatea Lotto and Foodmart between 12:10pm and 1:20pm on September 9; GAS Paeroa service station between 11:20am and 11:28am on September 9; and Maramarua General Store between 1:25pm

and 2:40pm on September 11. Owner of Ngatea Lotto and Foodmart Naren Kumar told *The Profile* the ministry asked the business to refer all media enquiries to them.

However, the store was allowed to remain open as it had followed all Ministry of Health procedures.

Meanwhile, in a social media post, GAS Paeroa said as at September 17, none of their staff were showing symptoms.

"According to the ministry, it was a casual contact and [he] might have visited before he got infected. It looks like we

don't have to worry but please do wear a mask and don't forget to sign in on the Covid app," the post said.

Hauraki District Mayor Toby Adams said news that the locations of interest stemmed from an essential worker was a "bit of a sigh of relief".

"The truck driver worked for a reputable company and was probably unaware that he had [Covid], but would have been taking the correct protocols.

"We have been advised that he wore a mask and maintained social distancing while he was working."

- Dr Caroline McElnay

"We haven't heard of anything out of that, so while it was concerning, it was a bit of a sigh of relief that it was someone driving a truck who would have been using the prop-

er Covid apps and wearing masks," he said.

In a press conference on Friday, Director of Public Health Dr Caroline McElnay said public health officials were investigating the positive case in the Auckland truck driver, who had been transferred to a quarantine facility along with a member of his household.

"I can confirm that he travelled in his work capacity to a number of supermarkets in Auckland, the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions," she said.

"We have been advised that he wore a mask and main-



Ngatea Lotto & Foodmart has been named a location of interest.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

tained social distancing while he was working."

The man's company immediately stood down staff who were in close proximity to the driver and they had been assessed as contacts following a risk assessment by public health officials, she said. Truck drivers visiting supermarkets were physically distanced from staff loading or unloading goods, Dr McElnay said.

"At no time do truck drivers

enter the shop floor or stores or sites as part of their delivery or pick up routine," she said.

"The company also advises their supermarkets have been operating under all Covid-19 protocols, including scanning or signing in, increased cleaning protocols, physical distancing and mask wearing."

However, it's understood the truck driver bought food and visited the bathroom at GAS Paeroa. Because he signed in,

was wearing a mask and kept a 2m distance from others, the service station was able to remain open as it was deemed a low risk encounter.

On Sunday, Dr McElnay said 140 contacts of the truck driver who were at locations of interest outside the household had been identified. Of those, 81 people had returned negative test results on Sunday, she said.

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Council debates government's 3 Waters Reform proposals

An initial analysis of the impact of the government's three waters reform proposals on the Coromandel was discussed at last week's Council meeting.

The government is proposing to set up several new entities around the country to manage water supply, wastewater and stormwater (the three waters), ultimately taking the responsibility for these off councils.

Our Council wants to ensure any local decisions that are required are made in the best interests of our communities.

The government wants feedback from councils on the potential impacts of the proposed reform by 1 October.

Three Waters Reform

Find out what the Three Waters Reform means for the Coromandel



Our Councillors have conducted an initial review, highlighted areas where further information is required, and raised a number of concerns, questions and discussion points. These include:

- The appropriate mechanism to assess service provision requirements. Our Council thinks this should be rateable household property numbers, rather than usually resident population, which misrepresents our district's requirements.
- Community voice. Our elected members are interested in your thoughts and points of view on the reforms. Send this to us at threewaters@tcdc.govt.nz
- Our Council will also be requesting more time to understand in detail the potential impact of the complex reform.

"These proposals are a once-in-a-generation decision for councils and communities, so it is crucial that communities are provided with enough time to engage meaningfully and genuinely with the process and better understand the implications of the proposals," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

Our Council isn't required at this point in the process to opt in or out of the reforms.

tcdc.govt.nz/threewatersreform

Labour Weekend Kerbside Collections

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection on Monday 25 October because of the Labour Day public holiday, so collections for the rest of the week will be one day later. Check the schedule for your area at

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(which is around 50 per cent of you). The purpose of the annual publication is to let you know what we've been working on as a council, where your money is being spent, as well as promoting what local businesses and community groups are doing.

Our Coromandel 2021-2022 is arriving in the mailboxes of our out-of-district ratepayers in mid-October, while our full-time residents can pick up a copy from one of our four Council service centres, district libraries or visitor information centres. The magazine will also be online from mid-October at tcdc.govt.nz/ourcoromandel



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Meanwhile, judges are busy going through loads of fantastic applications from entrants in the other Awards categories: Emerging Business, Hospitality, Manufacturing & Trade, Professional Services, Retail, Rural & Primary Industries, and Tourism.

Winners will be announced at the 2021 Hauraki Coromandel Business Awards gala evening on October 28, 2021, at the Grand Mercure Puka Park in Pauanui. Last year's event was postponed due to COVID-19.



Could your arts group or creative project use a helping hand?

Local art groups and creative projects across the Coromandel are being offered a helping hand with funding from the Creative Communities Scheme. The scheme, backed by Creative New Zealand, aims to increase participation in the arts, broaden the range and diversity of the arts available to communities and enhance and strengthen the local arts sector.

Applications are open now and close on Friday 1 October. Apply or find out more at tcdc.govt.nz/ccs



Thames Community Board UPDATE

A word from the Board Chairperson, Strat Peters

"The move to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 has been good for our district's small businesses who have been able to welcome customers under government guidelines on mask wearing, contact tracing and social distancing. It's great to see the Thames community supporting local, safely. We had many worthy applications for our \$75,000 of Community Grants funding and we'll be allocating that at a Board meeting soon. Keep in mind that the Creative Communities Scheme fund is open now for applications from arts group and creative projects." strat.peters@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Michael Smither's installation, Colour Harmonics, on the Thames Coastal Path has toppled in high winds last week. Our Council is organising for the installation to be relocated to a secure location to be checked for damage, with a view to re-installing the well-loved artwork as soon as possible.

Waikawau toilet block is temporarily closed for painting and door replacement. Two portaloos are in place during the closure.



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Thames 'icon' remembered as a good man

OBITUARY

John "Johnny" Paynter
1935 - 2021

An "icon" in the Thames motor industry has been remembered as a good man, and a man who had not only strong faith, but a mischievous sense of humour.

John "Johnny" Paynter died on September 14 after a short battle with cancer.

He was known around town for his love of cars, his Christian faith, and as the owner of Hauraki Motor Services, and on Friday, friends and loved ones gathered to remember the man who "loved every minute" of his 85 years.

Born in 1935, John, with his parents and his two older sisters, lived on a farm in Te Mata. He went to school at Tapu, before the family moved to Tauranga when John was six.

His interest in cars started "way back then", Pastor Weston Finlay said, and John could remember some of the families who invited the Paynters home after church on Sundays - one of them being Mr Monk, who had a Buick 8.

The family moved back to Thames in 1949, and John went to Thames High School.

Every morning at assembly, the "train kids" from Hikutaia, Puriri, and Matatoki would interrupt part-way through, and John's attention was always drawn to a "young blonde by the



Johnny Paynter, centre, with the Steampunk train.

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name of Anne".

The two eventually wed, and at the time of John's death, had been married for 63 years.

"He always dreamed he'd one day own an American car like Mr Monk, and he also dreamed that he'd take this blonde for a ride in that American car," Pastor Finlay said.

John also had a hobby of bird-watching, and while lots of other boys used to climb trees and pinch eggs, he used to watch the birds as they hatched and inspect the progress of the chicks in their nests.

"One day, he came home with a baby thrush that had fallen out

of the nest, and he hand-reared that and when Calf Club day came along, he had the thrush sitting on his shoulder as they did the parade of pets at school," Pastor Finlay said.

After school, John started an apprenticeship at A&G Price. While working at the foundry he opened his own car yard, where Bin Inn now sat along Pollen St. A few years later, the yard moved to where Fresho's now was, before John moved to the current Hauraki Motor Services site in the early 70s.

Paul Saunders, from Saunders Mitsubishi in Thames and on behalf of the Motor Trade Associa-

tion, said John was an "icon" in the motor industry in Thames, having worked in the town for around 65 years.

Only a few weeks ago, when the district was under alert level 3 restrictions, John called into Saunders to pay for a car.

"We talked outside and I said: 'Don't worry about it, we'll sort it out in level 2'. But he said: 'No, laddy, I want to pay for it now'.

"So, he gives me his eftpos card and pin number," Paul said.

"That was the trusting of him... he was a true gentleman, an icon, and a good man."

John's children also spoke at the funeral, which was live-

streamed and watched by more than 110 people.

His daughter, Susan, said her dad "danced to the beat of his own drum".

"Only a couple of weeks ago, dad was chasing his hair down the main street," she said.

"And a couple of months ago he found a lump in his neck and he was rubbing lemon juice on it. He reckoned it was going down."

Susan said for John, when he drove anywhere, it wasn't about getting from A to B - it was about the motoring experience in "a car that he loved with a woman that he loved".

She recalled a 2006 incident that ended up in the *Whanganui Chronicle*, in which John and Anne's car caught fire as they were driving to Palmerston North.

But that wasn't the only time John made the paper.

His son, Barry, also recalled a time when John pulled a shark from the ocean using sheer determination, a chain, and the family car.

"We, as a Christian family, believe that while we will miss him, we'll see him again in heaven. We'll miss him, but one day we will meet again."

John was led out of the Twentymans chapel to the song, *Onward, Christian Soldiers* while stuffed Pink Panther toys, which John was fondly remembered for collecting, stayed sitting in their chairs, saying goodbye.

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Peninsula Prime Meats celebrates 25 years

For a quarter of a century, Rob Lee at Peninsula Prime Meats has made sure the product that goes out the door is top-quality.

The Thames man bought the butchers on Pollen St 25 years ago, when there were four butchers in the town. That number had since halved.

But the trick to maintaining a strong business was not only ensuring products were of a high standard, but also keeping up with the times.

The butchery started using biodegradable meat trays more than two years ago, and hoped to soon get in biodegradable cling film.

They made sure to stock the usual favourites, but also incorporated locally-produced items such as honey, mussel fritters, fresh pet food, and eggs.

Their unique flavour of sausages proved to be a big hit, too.

"The sausages are our biggest seller," Rob told *The Profile*.

"Our Marmite and cheese flavour was part of a radio competition and it was voted the most popular.

"That was about three or four years ago but it's been popular ever since."

They also have a blue cheese and beef flavour, as well as savoury leek, and every fresh product is processed in the store.

Rob, who is "Thames born and bred", bought the business when he was 25 from Flo Crawford, who still helps out at the butchers. Michelle Kentish has been working there for more than 10 years and the butchery also has an apprentice, Phillip Smith. They weren't

able to trade throughout any of the country's past lockdowns - with the government deeming butcher shops "non-essential" - but Rob said they had seen a lot of support from locals

once alert levels dropped.

"Supermarkets have always had a monopoly, but the niche market is coming back. New Zealanders don't eat the volume of meat like they used to because of cost, so quality and variety is essential. Thames and the peninsula have always been loyal," he said.

"We'd like to thank our customers who have stuck with us after Covid and for their 25 years of support. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here."

- Rob Lee

- KELLEY TANTAU

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ABOVE: Peninsula Prime Meats' apprentice, Phillip Smith, left, owner Rob Lee, and workers Flo Crawford and Michelle Kentish, want to thank the local community for their ongoing support post-Covid lockdowns.



RIGHT: Every fresh product is processed in the store, with meat sold in biodegradable trays.

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Rural Life

Show cancelled due to lack of support

Organisers of the Paeroa and Plains show have pulled the pin after more than 120 years on the district's rural calendar. KELLEY TANTAU reports



The Paeroa and Plains annual show scheduled for January 8, 2022, has been cancelled.

In a statement released last week, Paeroa A&P Association acting president Bruce McRobbie said the association had "found itself operating without a sufficient financial base".

In recent years, it had also been lacking the personnel and sponsorship numbers to drive the organisation forward, he said.

"A project team of councillors from the Mid-Northern District Council (Royal Agricultural Society) have stepped in to offer support to the district in their endeavours to continue the tradition that has seen a show developed and delivered regularly since 1898.

"Despite this support, the show program has been unable to generate sufficient

cash funding to allow the business to continue confident of a positive financial outcome for the association."

Mr McRobbie said the Covid-19 outbreak had also brought uncertainty to the showing industry, and that alert level restrictions could prevent a show being delivered in its preferred format, or even at all.

"Accordingly, after due consultation, the management team representing the interests of Paeroa A&P Association have taken the decision to cancel the next show scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 2022.

"This will allow sufficient time for a review of the business case for the Paeroa and Plains Show going forward, the redevelopment of the Paeroa A&P Association, and the sourcing of sponsorship and financial capital for the future," he said.



The show provided hours of fun for all ages.

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venue to Kerepēhi Domain several years ago after its traditional venue, the Paeroa Racecourse, was sold and became unavailable.

It was last held at the domain on January 9 this year, and featured around 200 horses, a new Clydesdale section, a bouncy castle, and food and coffee carts.

There was no livestock, but they had planned to have more animals next year.

The show's horse steward, Louellen Davies, told *The Profile* ahead of the last show she hoped the event would be long-lived.

"The show has to have a home and that's where we are at Kerepēhi, we are there to stay."

"And the show will go on because in my book, 121 years is a lot of blood, sweat and volunteers," she said.

Formerly called the Paeroa A&P Show, its name was changed to the Paeroa and Plains Show to better reflect the move in

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Rural Life

Being smart with nutrients on farm

Spring has sprung and with it comes an increased risk of nutrients leaving farms due to high rainfall, low pasture growth, lots of stock urine being deposited, soil compaction and pugging.

That has the potential to impact farm production and damage the health of waterways and groundwater.

Handling those risks smartly, thereby boosting production while protecting fresh water, is what good nutrient management is all about. Good nutrient management will keep nutrients cycling within the farm system and reduce losses to the environment to the bare minimum.

Some nutrients are more prone to loss than others, depending on the nature of the nutrient, soil type and climatic conditions. Leaching through the soil – one of the biggest nutrient loss risks – can see the loss of the likes of nitrogen, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulphur.

It occurs when water washes soluble nutrients through the root zone into deeper layers of the soil and they become inaccessible to plant roots.

The leaching risk depends on various factors such as soil type, total rainfall, extreme weather events and the actual quantity of soluble nutrients present in the soil.

Don't oversupply the soil with such types of soluble nu-



Bala Tikkisetty

trients, especially not during winter and early spring, as there is a very high risk of these getting washed out through the soil and lost from farm systems.

A good understanding of the processes and terminology involved with nutrient cycles is important for budgeting and management. For nitrogen, one of the key nutrients that both grows grass and can harm waterways, there are two important processes – immobilisation and its opposite mineralisation.

Immobilisation is the conversion of plant available nitrogen into organic forms. Mineralisation is the conversion of soil organic nitrogen into plant available forms such as nitrate and ammonium. These processes are controlled by microbes, and the degree of their activity, in the soil.

Another point about nitrogen is that, generally, there will be an increase in nitrate leaching with increasing rates of ni-



Good nutrient management will keep nutrients cycling within the farm system and reduce losses to the environment. Supplied: NEL BOTHA/PIXABAY

trogenous fertiliser.

Phosphorus loss, on the other hand, mainly occurs from erosion and runoff. Research has revealed that phosphorus losses will be high in soils with high Olsen-P levels, and also on steep to rolling country.

Managing these optimum levels and controlling soil erosion are keys to helping prevent this.

Overall, the ongoing challenge is to ensure our farming systems efficiently cycle nutrients. Smart nutrient management practices for all land uses and activities has the potential to bring about substantial improvements in the quality of our water resources and profits.

From now, no more than 190 kilograms per hectare per year

(kg/ha/yr) of synthetic nitrogen may be spread on land that is grazed, including pasture and any grazed crops.

Farmers need to plan the annual use of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser to stay within the cap. Regional council permission is required to exceed the cap.

Waikato Regional Council is working with stakeholders to help farmers adopt good practices and supports the use of industry-developed codes of practice, particularly the Code of Practice for Nutrient Management, Fertmark and Spreadmark.

- Bala Tikkisetty is a sustainable agriculture advisor technical at Waikato Regional Council. He can be contacted by calling 0800 800 401 or emailing bala.tikkisetty@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Farmers urged to enable staff to get vaccinations

Farmers should do all they can to enable and encourage their staff to get their Covid-19 vaccinations, Federated Farmers employment spokesperson Chris Lewis says.

"I know dairy farms are flat tack with calving and workforce shortages have never been worse. But there's nothing more important than your family's health, and that of your staff and their families."

District health boards booking halls in smaller towns for well-advertised-in-advance day clinics would help, he said.

"If it's possible to combine getting a job with a trip into town for the next supermarket shop, or to pick up supplies from Farmlands or Wrightsons, try to make it happen. It's part of being a good boss."

"If your nearest urban centre has a walk-in vaccination centre, or a GP clinic is willing to take a short-notice booking, you might even send in a staff member with a few dollars to pick up a morning or afternoon tea shout for the rest of the team."

The sooner we get everyone double-vaccinated, the sooner we might safely take steps to getting back to where we were with travel, events, farmers' markets and all the rest, he said.

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Eco changes at Walter & Co

We at alter & Co Hairdressing have been making changes behind the scenes at our salon.

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Earlier this year we united with the Sustainable Salons movement that sees most of our waste disposed of. We are the first and only salon in Thames that is working with Sustainable Salons.

Our hair clippings are collected to make hair booms - hair is stuffed into stockings that absorb oil spills along our coastlines or donated to community gardens.

Proceeds from recycled resources are donated to Kiwi Harvest to provide meals for those in need - a full head of foils provides one quarter of a meal to a disadvantaged person.

Our recycled plastic is repurposed into new products such as outdoor furniture or new packaging.

We can also donate ponytails to make wigs, each wig requiring 20 ponytails at least 20cm long. Even our excess chemicals are sent to

chemical recycling plants to be turned into water, this water is used in roadworks and construction.

Being a part of the solution doesn't have to cost the earth, our clients make a small \$2 green service fee which minimises the ecological footprint of your salon visit and supports a range of important sustainability and community initiatives.

We have also been exploring new advancements in hair care ranges and have introduced the Pure Organic range, which uses natural organic ingredients that are 100 per cent certified, and 100 per cent land waste to make their plastic bottles, have no sulphates or parabens and are vegan friendly.

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UNMOWN LAWNS

I came in from mowing our lawns yesterday and sat down to read the *The Valley Profile*.

I reached page 5 - Kelley Tantau's article: *Pair not 'lazy', just leaving their lawns alone*. How bloody ridiculous!! How could something like that be news worthy? At first I was overwhelmed with thoughts about how lucky we are not to have those crazy 'anti social' types in our street. Our lawns are not perfect, but close to it according to passers by.

Their lawns/hedges would be very different after my late night spraying with Round Up if they were our neighbours.

Many nasty ideas were rushing through my mind.

As I read on, somehow I began to re-think things. Maybe from now on I could have more time to spend at the golf course, coaching cricket, trout fishing etc. Yes - less air pollution, free range insects, nature as it should be. Who will care if [my address] begins to look like an neglected wilderness? To hell with what the council and others think. Kelley's story was bending my mind. Dangerous woman!!

My reason for this message. Surely she can claim to be the first reporter ever/anywhere in the whole world to write an



Thames friends leave their lawns alone.

article with a 'positive' slant about such a 'negative' and obviously provocative attitude to maintaining a residential site in a populated area.

Nobody who reads this brilliantly written item could do so without thinking that perhaps there is another way of thinking about the time consuming

- but for me worthwhile - task of keeping lawns groomed and edges and hedges trimmed.

You have again proved that 'the pen is indeed mightier than the sword' - something that we tend to forget until a skilled writer/reporter hits the mark. Arrr ... my problem is that I couldn't live like those people - in spite of your thought provoking efforts. Great story though!! Kelley - please stay with *The Valley Profile* and keep me entertained in my old age.

- Mike Cotter, Paeroa

A COVID POEM

Stay, Sit!

Fresh air against the face, and

gloves

Cycling gloves and a return to familiar places.

Fresh face, and gloves, it's Covid Time

"Quick scratch - da de dah." She's about my daughter's age.

Culled, herded as sheep we are except sheep don't chuckle, Oldies. It's our turn. Small town and familiar faces.

"Stay! Sit!

Twenty minutes of gossip. Nobody drops. We go.

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"Good on you Poppa!"

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- David Legge, Thames

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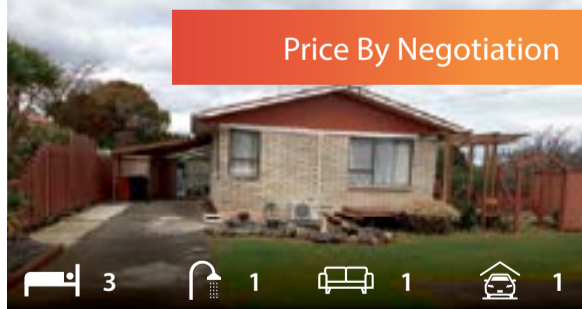


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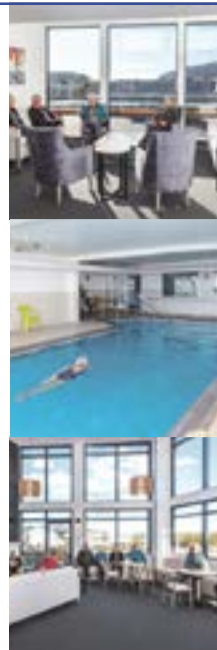


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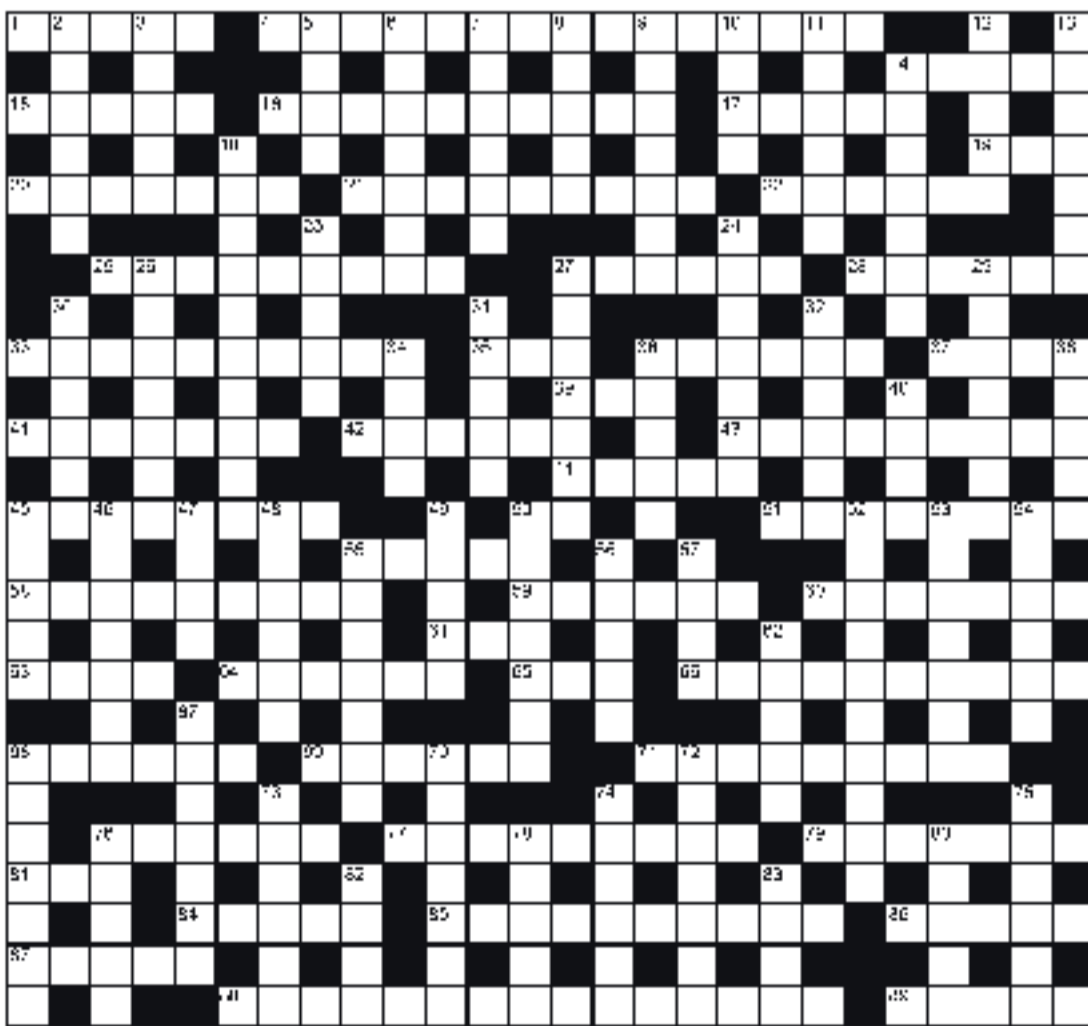
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Floating warehouse arrives



Looking north to Landy's Point, south of Waiomu. Photo: SUPPLIED

tunda at Wharf St had been built. The rotunda was a fine building brilliantly lit with electric lights. The society also acquired a lease of the railway property and its energies were to be spent in smartening that portion of town. Other Paeroa improvements included the installation of an aerial metallic cable telephone system. Unsightly wires were done away with and there was now just one cable. There were 144 lines connected with the Paeroa telephone exchange.

The Netherton ferry needed a new driving rope as the old one was almost worn out and had to be regularly spliced. There were hopes a cheap type of electric bell could be installed at this ferry which would be a great boon to the travelling public as it would enable a person on the opposite side of the river to 'ring up' the ferry-man at any time of the night. Despite the Thames Coast being advertised as a health resort, a very great menace was

presented by the disposal of night soil. Some residents were not burying it, but depositing it in the sea. There were over 40 residences down the coast that used a night soil service. The majority of residents took precautionary measures, while visitors did not and usually left the deposit for other people to empty. The council was asked to provide a sanitary service along the coast using a closed pan system, and supplying depot at Waiomo flat. A plain and fancy dress ball held at Kōpū was a decided success. Carloads of visitors arrived from Thames, Matatoki and Puriri, while a full launch arrived from Turua. Fancy costumes were humorous and clever and the judge, Mr Rennick, had great difficulty in picking the winners. About 80 couples were on the floor when the dance commenced, and dancing was kept up until a late hour. The music was supplied by Doidge's orchestra. At 10pm, a most dainty supper was provided.

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.

1922

A watery warehouse was the latest arrival at the Ngatea wharf. A sign announcing 'Floating Warehouse and General Store,' printed in large letters was nailed to the mast of a launch. The little vessel was crammed with a large assortment of clothing, boots and other goods.

Also at Ngatea the Debating Society discussed whether the town or country girl made the best wife in the country. Mr Wright advocated the town girl and Mr Blakemore and Mr Jenkins supported the country girl. The speeches were very amusing; Mr Wright securing the majority vote for the town girl.

The Paeroa Beautifying Society carried out a number of improvements during the summer, and the results of its efforts were most gratifying. The flower beds in the main street did exceptionally well and a very picturesque band ro-



Paeroa students Shaun Hearn, left, Cody Mason, Crew Anderton, Jessica Penwarden, Hamish Buchanan, Ashton Chwesik, and Korbin Chwesik. Absent: Luke Garforth, who also took part in the shave. Photo: SUPPLIED

Head shave tops Wig Wednesday

A group of eight students from Paeroa College has raised \$1100 in a head shaving fundraiser for the Child Cancer Foundation.

Prefect Hamish Buchanan told *The Profile* the event was planned for Wig Wednesday - set for September 8 - but it had to be scaled down once the latest Covid-19 lockdown hit.

"We were originally going to run our event as a full week, with talks from past students who have struggled with cancer, and a wacky hair mufti. As it got closer to the 8th, we decided to run a social media campaign instead of our wig week," he said.

The students planned and created a video which explained Wig Week to the community, and from that, raised \$680.

"Rather awkwardly," Hamish said, the students returned to school the day after the video released, and realised they

still had a chance to run a head shaving. So, on September 15, the eight pupils came together in support for child cancer, shaving various amounts of hair.

"The excitement buzzed in the air louder than the shavers," Hamish said.

The prefects ran the event for two main reasons, he said, the first being that "almost all of our student's lives have been touched by cancer in some way".

The second reason was that Wig Wednesday fit well with the prefect's theme for this year: acceptance.

"Seeing people get out of their comfort zones with wacky hairdos, wigs, and shaved heads is a great opportunity for our students to practice being non-judgmental," he said.

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SPORTS

Huge victory for Swamp Foxes in first game

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Thames Valley opened their campaign in the 2021 Heartland Rugby Championship with a well deserved 42-10 victory over Wairarapa Bush at Masterton last Saturday.

In doing so they became the inaugural winners of the Presidents' Cup, the trophy presented by Ross Cooper for competition between the two provinces.

Conditions were perfect on the artificial turf at Memorial Park but both teams would have been dissatisfied with the high error rate due to a lack of recent match play.

However, the Thames Valley forwards, ably led by Captain Connor McVerry, were in control for most of the game and it was this factor along with some ill discipline by the home team which led to the Swamp Foxes' victory. Telly Hemepo and Josh Kaho scored tries for Thames Valley in the first half with Todd Doolin adding a penalty goal and a conversion.

Wairarapa Bush managed a converted try and a penalty to make the halftime score: Thames Valley 15 Wairarapa Bush 10. All the points in the second half were scored by Thames Valley. Doolin kicked a penalty goal to extend the lead to 18-10 and in the 51 st



The Swamp Foxes celebrate their win over Wairarapa Bush on Saturday.

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minute ill -discipline resulted in Wairarapa Bush receiving a red and a yellow card.

The home side did not learn from their mistakes and nine minutes later lost another player to a red card because of a head high tackle on Te Aroha

Cobras flanker Ben Stephens who was carried off the field. On Sunday Ben was reported as being in good spirits, eating well and displaying limited symptoms.

Valley put on the pressure and Josh Kaho went over for

his second try. There was no conversion and Thames Valley led 23-10. Wairarapa Bush were back to fourteen players for the final ten minutes but the Swamp Foxes showed their class by running up nineteen points during this period. Doolin, Sione Vakakapuna Etoni and Luke Masirewa scored tries, two of which were converted by Doolin.

This was a bonus point win for the Swamp Foxes. Next Saturday they travel to Ruatoria to play East Coast.

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