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‘Wairua’ the essence with Darby’s tā moko



Darby Tuhaka has practised traditional tā moko all over the world. He arrived in Paeroa ten years ago and now calls the town his home.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

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

Darby Tuhaka is 10 hours into tattooing a pūhoro, a traditional Māori tattoo which extends from the waist to the knees.

He’s facing a further 50 hours of work ahead of him, but he takes the time to reflect on his craft, pulling up a chair outside his shop along Paeroa’s

main street.

“I practise a different type of tattooing,” he explains. “It’s a traditional tattoo in the old ancient style with a stick.”

The stick he refers to is an uhi (chisel). Historically, they were mostly made from the bones of seabirds, and like the tohunga (experts) before him, Darby creates tattoos by tapping the uhi with a small mallet.

“When I practice, the noise that you hear, the tapping, that’s the same noise they heard 2000 years ago,” he says.

“The [modern] machines have no love for you; it’s going to whack a thousand holes in you in one minute. Now, with a stick, it takes longer, but it doesn’t traumatise the skin, and that makes it really easy to heal.”

Darby, 61, trained in tā moko when he was 13 and living in Gisborne. The artform has taken him all over the world, enticing bystanders at every turn.

“When we were at tattoo shows in Berlin, Frankfurt, London, Rio, Las Vegas... we had to stop tattooing because the crowds got too big.

“They had heard of it, but they’d never actually seen it.”

You can count the number of tattooists still using traditional methods on one hand, he says.

“The 1907 Tohunga Suppression Act killed it, but it just went underground and went to sleep,” Darby says. “As we came into this time, we re-awakened it and brought it up again.”

Darby had tattoo parlours in both Germany and Holland,

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Providence surrounds Paeroa tattooist

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and when he returned home to New Zealand a decade ago, customers followed him here.

“Pre-Covid, I had a steady flow of French, Europeans, and South Americans coming to get their tattoos. With Covid, the tourists have stopped, but now what I've got is local people.”

And for Darby, the most important thing when it comes to tattooing a person is their spirit, or, wairua.

“Wairua doesn't know colour,” he says, “it only knows spirit.”

He stops for a brief moment to say hello to a passer-by. It's something that happens at least a half dozen times in the space of a few minutes.

“It's not hard to say hello,” he says, when asked about his sunny demeanor.

“My grandparents were the same.”

He reenacts a scene in which, as a child, he encountered his tūpuna (grandparents) saying hello to a stranger. “Try it”, they said to him, and he's never looked back. “It's only five letters,” he says.

Darby grew up in Gisborne, but has tribal affiliations in the Hauraki through Ngāti Tamaterā.

It was divine intervention that led him to Paeroa, he explains.

“I had come from a city [overseas] that had one million people, but we stepped off



Darby Tuhaka runs the Healing Ink tattoo studio which doubles as a Polynesian and Māori taonga museum and art collection.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

the plane after a 25-hour long-haul flight, and stopped here for a feed of fish and chips.

“I parked right here, and looked at the shop. It had a sign which said ‘For Rent’.”

Within five days, he had moved into the shop which would become the Healing Ink tattoo studio. It now doubles as a Polynesian and Māori taonga museum and art collection, and beyond the threshold, Darby practises traditional healing, too.

There is a sense of serendipity and providence surround-

ing Darby.

On the day he sits with the *Valley Profile*, it is exactly 10 years since he was handed the keys to the studio.

And when he first arrived in Europe around 25 years ago during a low period, it was a stroke of luck that presented him with a second lease of life.

“I stepped off the plane in Amsterdam, it was 20 [degrees] below zero, and I had \$60. I bought a ticket on a train and went as far north as I could go, right up in the northern part of Holland. I went into

this bar, sat down, didn't have a lot of money, but bought one glass of beer and started talking to the man next to me... and that night, I was working.”

Entwined through it all is an obligation Darby says he and the people he works with must uphold: “He maungārongo ki te whenua. He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa. Peace on the land and goodwill to all people.”



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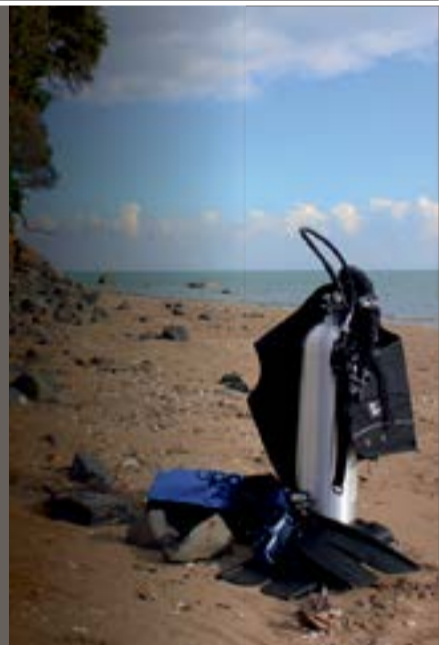


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Small-town Hauraki keeps Adam 'on his toes'

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

Adam Matete moved to Ngatea to live life at a slower pace, but since becoming a community celebrity, he's come to realise quietness was never on the cards.

Adam, 44, grew up in Māngere in Auckland and did his schooling at Ōtāhuhu College, but six years ago, he and his wife Quesera and sons Logan and Brody moved to the Hauraki.

They started in Maramarua, but after witnessing the annual garage sale down Ngatea's main street, and enticed by the stalls of creamed pāua and fried bread, they relocated to a property in town.

In 2020, Adam shared his love of food on the local community's Facebook page, creating a competition that would determine who in town was the best carrot cake maker.

After the successful winner was crowned, residents started asking what was next.

So he created 'Up in Smoke' - an event that featured competitors barbecuing and smoking meat for judging.

On the flipside, he also started a 12-week fitness challenge dubbed 'Up in Adam', that saw a myriad of participants achieve their weight loss goals.

It was these events that led Adam into becoming a recognisable face throughout the



Adam Matete has become a social media celebrity in Ngatea after hosting a range of foodie events.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Ngatea community, as well as being named a Hauraki District Council Onya award recipient for "working together to make a difference".

"I get a lot of people saying hello and a lot of people introducing themselves. It's definitely funny to be 'that guy'," he said.

Adam was also involved with this season's Christmas on the Plains committee, which was in charge of hosting a late-night

shopping event on Friday, December 11.

"Our mate Ron Dawson made a radio station, 88.2, and for the week before the late-night shopping, we were broadcasting to the outskirts of Ngatea.

"We'd do 'Late Nights with Adam' and 'Later Ron', just in his garage with two microphones and all of his gear, and when the Friday night came, I walked around with a headset

on, a radio, a microphone, and a cell phone for the whole night MCing, which was broadcast over the radio.

"What he did was amazing, and I've always had a dream of being a radio show host," he said.

"So, I lived my dream for a week."

Adam, who works at Smart Environmental at Kōpū, told *The Profile* he "never, ever thought" he'd be so busy in

Ngatea. "In Auckland, I had a lot of time to do other things, just muck around and lay about. Now I'm on my toes all the time," he said.

"I thought we were coming down for a quiet life, but this small country area is not as quiet as we thought."

Adam's love for the town began the first time he mowed his lawns. He said it was a cloudy day and it was about to rain.

"I get around the corner, and here's my neighbour from across the road with his lawn mower, mowing my lawn.

"Then I go around the other corner and there's my other neighbour, mowing the front part. So, all three of us are mowing my lawn," he said.

"Then we say 'right, who's next?' and all three of us mowed each other's lawns. That's how it all started."

And when it comes to family, Adam said they all supported his local star status, even if he was encouraged to take a break every now and then.

"Whenever I start talking about something new, [wife Quesera] says: 'Oh my god, just have a break' - but I can't," he said.

"It's fun watching something that you've cooked up in your head come into fruition."



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Passion for fish and chips leads to Paeroa

Summer Series

As part of a *Valley Profile* feature, we asked our readers to share their favourite takeaway spot for that popular Kiwi summer staple: fish and chips.

By GORDON PREECE

As part of a summer series to help boost the hospitality sector, *The Profile* recently put a call out on social media asking who serves up the best fish and chips in the region.

One respondent commented that the one on Paeroa's main street opposite the old post office has the best chips he's ever tasted.

The place he's talking about is Aquarius Fish & Chips on Paeroa's Normanby Rd, where the owners "try to make the best darn fish and chips they can".

Kay Richardson bought the chippy in October, 2019, with her husband Edward after it was put on the market by previous owner Stephen "Turk" Godwin.

The Richardsons shifted to Paeroa 18 years ago from Waiheke Island after the sale fell over for every house Kay tried to buy in the Coromandel.

"Paeroa chose me, all I wanted was a house with a

white picket fence and some photos came up for one in Paeroa so I bought it," she said.

Kay, who had worked for Turk for three years, said she was passionate about fish and chips because she had worked in the food industry since she was 15, including owning an Auckland lunch bar.

"We use a lot of A grade products, which we believe gives our food the best quality in taste and texture and our snapper, tarakihi, gurnard and lemon fish is fresh," she said.

"We also sell fresh Coromandel greenshell mussels, which are shelled for us by a local.

"The customers and ourselves think fresh is always better."

Aquarius Fish & Chips has five other staff who all live in Paeroa and the premises has been a fish and chip shop for more than 40 years, originally owned by Bernie Neutroski.

Kay can't pinpoint which of their fish and chip items is the most popular but says they sell a lot of their burgers and fish.

"Summer is usually busy with tourists and winter is busy with locals because locals like our fish and chips," she laughs. "I'd like to say thank you to the customers



Kay and Edward Richardson outside the Aquarius Fish & Chips shop in Paeroa.

Photos: GORDON PREECE

for voting for us."

REPORTERS REVIEW:

The fish has the perfect ratio of a crispy batter and a moist fish center. The chips aren't over-fried and maintain their potato taste. The salt is perfectly balanced and not overpowering. I believe an L&P with Aquarius Fish & Chips will be a match made in heaven.

RIGHT: Aquarius Fish & Chips offers the "best darn fish and chips they can".



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Summer Series

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

There's a message written in chalk on a sign outside Ocean's Divine, reminding people to never give up on their dreams.

It was put there by the fish and chip shop's owner, Roger Duncan, who is a testament to the lesson.

In the four years he has owned Ocean's Divine, along State Highway 25 in Waitakaru, he's battled to grow its reputation throughout two Covid-19 lockdowns and staff shortages.

It's now been named one of the Thames Valley's best places to call in for fish and chips by Profile readers.

"It was just a crazy idea that we thought we'd get a fish and chip shop. It was a crazy idea and it seems to have pulled off," Roger said.

"It's an achievement because it's been a battle. We didn't have a background in fish and chips or anything like that. I've been a commercial fisherman for a long time but I certainly didn't ever think we'd be selling fish and chips to the public."

Roger has owned Triple R Fishing for around two decades. Ninety per cent of his haul is caught in the Hauraki Gulf, and the snapper he catches is received by a licenced fish receiver before it's cooked fresh at the Ocean's Divine caravan.

"It gets caught, it goes to

Auckland that day, it gets weighed and received, and then it comes straight back here," he explained. The fact the fish was caught locally and supplied to the caravan daily could be the secret to its success.

"I think the biggest thing is just [providing] the old school, Kiwi food," Roger said.

That meant fresh product, clean vats, and using an "old school" oil method, which he remained tight-lipped on. He's helped out at the caravan by his two sons and his mum, Irene. She said the first two years were the hardest, and it was only the past couple of years that they



It's all hands on deck at Ocean's Divine, owned by commercial fisherman Roger Duncan, left, who's helped out by son Riley and mum Irene. LEFT: Ocean's Divine's fish burger looks too good to eat, while the deep-fried snapper is served in a crunchy, golden batter.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU



started getting a reputation.

"Now people will come from everywhere," she said.

They have customers who travel from the North Shore for their fish and chip fix, as well as others from along the Thames Coast.

"There are a lot of other fish and chip shops on the Coromandel that are close to the water, so when you look at it like

that, it is quite a feat to have that overwhelming response in our favour," Roger said.

"There's loads to compete with," Irene added, "and all I can say is: I can talk to someone in Auckland, and they've already heard about us."

The business now employs around 10 staff, and operates during the hours of 7am-8pm, seven days a week.

Not only do they sell fish and chips, but they also provide a pie warmer "full of goodies", the "Waitak burger", scallops, mussels, and fritters, among other items. At times, customers could face up to an hour's wait due to the caravan's popularity.

"To be fair, up until Covid came, it was consistent all the time: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It's definitely growing," Roger said.

"We'd had Covid once, shut down, and then it was Covid again, and we were just getting back on our feet," Irene added.

"It has been detrimental to our success but we've picked up again."

REPORTERS REVIEW: Well-cooked deep-fried fish with crunchy, salty batter that is strengthened by a squeeze of lemon juice. A generous helping of well-seasoned chips and bonus menu items such as deep-fried mussels and scallops which are sure to cater to locals and travellers alike.



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Customs and classics on show at Ngatea

By GORDON PREECE

Interesting and out of the ordinary vehicles were on display at the annual Ngatea Customs and Classics and Van Revival recently.

The fundraising event at Ngatea's Hugh Hayward Domain on December 27 celebrated its fifth year and attracted around a thousand people.

Event organiser Fish MacKay said the 170 vehicles on display came from as far away as Whangārei and Palmerston North. "We had Harley Davidson motorbikes, an AC Cobra replica, a 1930s Morris Eight, a Rolls Royce, a GT40, Hot Rods, Trans Ams, V8 Bedfords and many other custom vans and muscle cars," he said.

"We also had a Vauxhall Victor station wagon, which was only one of two in New Zealand."

Fish said the public were "very happy" they could attend an event which hadn't been cancelled due to Covid-19.

"Hauraki District Council were very helpful in giving us the Covid-19 guidelines to run the event," he said.

"We had QR Codes for people to scan in and everyone who came through needed to have their vaccine passes checked.

"All but one was turned away but overall we were very happy

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Visitors enjoy a great line up of classic vehicles on show at the Hugh Hayward Domain in Ngatea. BELOW: A Holden has it's hood up under the trees, left, alongside a classic Hillman.

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Ngatea car show raises \$900 for charity

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with the public response to the Covid-19 rules, which made the event really awesome.”

Fish said in the previous four years, the event awarded ten trophies for various categories but at 2021’s event, eight of ten trophies were given to random cars as an appreciation to owners who made an effort to come despite Covid-19 rules.

“That went down very well with the public,” he said.

“We also gave away a trophy for best van and a people’s

choice, which went to a 1990 Mitsubishi v3000 New Zealand Police car.”

The event raised \$900 from the public’s gold coin donations required for entry, and the funds will be split between Ngatea Primary School and Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade.

“I’d like to say a huge thanks to the locals who supported the event, Hauraki District Council who’ve been awesome every year, my van club volunteers and those who were at the event gate to check everyone’s vaccine passes,” Fish said.



Visitors escape the summer heat under the trees during prize giving.

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The luggage is packed and ready on this Fiat Bambino.



An AC Cobra replica is on display, one of around 170 classic vehicles on the day.

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Rural Life

Making hay the old way

By GORDON PREECE

The Hauraki Vintage Machinery Club held a hay day on January 5 after its annual Crank Up event was cancelled.

Spokesperson Lorraine Williams told *The Profile* they decided not to invite the public to the hay day event due to issues with Covid-19 safety.

The event was instead held amongst 12 club members at their Kaihere Domain club grounds.

Lorraine said club members used a vintage stationary baler during the day, where the hay was fed through before being tied together with wire.

“Usually we make the silage before we have our Crank Up [event] and because the Crank Up didn’t happen last year, we locked it up for the hay,” she said.

The club, which has roughly 30 members from as far away as Katikati and Pukekohe, were set to hold their annual Crank Up in November last year but it was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Club members also plan to be involved with an open day at the old Kerepēhi Flax Mill on Kaihere Rd on April 24.



Club members are hard at work with the vintage stationary baler.

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Frank cuts the grass with his sickle bar mower.



A vintage rake was used during the hay day.



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Take care with works around waterways



By Bala Tikkisetty

Farmers and farm contractors can help protect the health of waterways by ensuring any works they do in and around them don't impact on bank stability, water quality and aquatic life.

Waikato Regional Council can provide advice to help ensure things are done the right way when planning any works around waterways and we have a range of relevant rules about what is permitted and what requires a consent.

In recent years, the council has received a range of complaints about inappropriate in-stream works, resulting in a number of formal investigations and prosecutions.

The council is keen to lift awareness about the issues involved and the responsibilities of farmers and others when carrying out works in and around waterbodies. These can include stream straightening and excavating the beds of rivers and lakes for a wide range of purposes (including to install bridges or culverts), removing build-up of sediment or managing an unstable stream.

Sediment build-up or instability may be caused by stock trampling the banks, or cultivation of paddocks too close to waterways without an adequate buffer zone or enough sediment control. It is important to ensure these causes are dealt with to avoid recurring problems.

The effects of such problems on aquatic life and water quality can be exacerbated through inappropriate in-stream excavations, or inappropriate removal of bank vegetation.

Besides hurting water quality and aquatic habitats through increased sedimentation, destabilisation of banks and beds can cause changes to the course of rivers and streams, resulting in loss of land and property and infrastructure damage.

Structures such as bridges, culverts and water intakes are essential features of most farms and they must be well planned and constructed to ensure they are not at risk from the stream, and to protect in-stream values.

These structures can obstruct or divert flows, or obstruct fish passage up and down rivers, blocking access to spawning grounds and migration generally, including to areas that have been used as traditional or recreational fisheries.

The Resource Management Act clearly prohibits any disturbances to river, stream and lake beds unless the disturbance is specifically allowed by a re-



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source consent issued by a regional council. That's why council policies cover the use, erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration, extension, removal or demolition of structures in, on, under or over the beds of rivers, streams and lakes and any disturbance of the bed as well, such as stream straightening or cleaning. Those planning such works are wise to check out the rules first.

Waikato Regional Council also recognises there are a range of activities in and around water-

ways that are not harmful. The regional plan has many rules enabling "everyday" activities, provided certain conditions are followed to avoid the sorts of problems described above. These rules identify what activities are permitted without consents, and the conditions the activities must meet.

It's important to check the regional rules and to seek good quality advice when planning any activity in or near a stream to prevent unlawful activity. Doing so will ensure our rivers and

streams are properly cared for as complex, delicate ecosystems in a productive agricultural landscape.

I also suggest all farmers and farm contractors read the recently updated informative document called Farmer's Guide to Environmental Rules on our website: waikatoregion.govt.nz/for-farmers.

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- Lyn Hopkins, Thames

STANCE 'DOESN'T CUT IT'

Constituents in the TCDC area are fortunate that Gary Godlieb refuses to accept that Sandra

Goudie's anti-vax stance has been "resolved between parties informally" (NZ Herald, December 8. He does not accept this and the vaccinated people, who are the majority in our area, will not either. National correspondent Tony Wall interviewed Sandra and her partner on October 20 where she made statements like: "I'm not going to be a leader on this issue for all of the people, but certainly I'm taking a leadership role in representing a view" and it went on to express anti-vax perspectives. This is on the back of another of her most controversial moments as mayor and her refusal to sign the Local Government New Zealand Declaration on Climate Change, a decision a High Court judge later found was unlawful. Sandra does not appear to care that her personal perspectives cannot be divorced from her role as mayor when she expresses them within the public forum and splitting hairs between being a 'leader' and taking a 'leadership role' doesn't cut it.

- M D Passmore, Thames

Fatal shooting shocks community



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** explores our local history by seeking out stories of life and death in the Thames Valley



The country school teacher, 1901.

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Breakfast was ready at the McInnes household in Maramarua but lodger John Read was nowhere to be found.

George McInnes had seen John going out with a gun around 6 that morning, something he often did. Mrs McInnes, feeling anxious, sent her husband out to look for him.

To his horror, George McInnes came across John shot through the heart, a double barrelled gun lying beside him. George called his neighbours together and they removed the body to his house.

It was October, 1900, and the death of 23-year-old John came as a great shock. No one could account for it. John, a school teacher at the combined Miranda and Maramarua schools, had been in the best of spirits the night before and had just received a substantial increase in salary. The inquest was held at the McInnes's home.

John was considered a very steady young fellow

and a good teacher. He had been in the employment of the Education Board since 1896 and had an admirable record at each of the schools where he had worked. In April, he had been given charge of the school at Maramarua, and in August, this school was combined with that at Miranda under his direction.

Mr W N Ingram had, on behalf of John's relatives, been sent to bring the body back to Auckland, and stated that he had known John from childhood.

He was always of the most cheerful disposition; in fact, when Mr Ingram had last seen him he appeared in extra good cheer.

The jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death", there being no evidence the young man had any intention of self harm.

The death of John was a significant loss to schools like Miranda and Maramarua. Attracting teachers to country schools was difficult. They were often underfunded, as many pupils

could not attend regularly. A fixed sum was granted by the government for each child on the roll, but only some costs were covered, and parents had to help pay the teacher's salary. In winter, bad weather, rough roads and illness prevented children getting to school.

In summer, they were kept home to help with chores such as haymaking.

Some children were exhausted because they had to milk cows before coming to school and were a challenge to teach. Teachers often shared their workload with pupil-teachers – an older child who taught while still studying.

At a Board of Education meeting, regret was expressed at the death of John Read. It was recommended that instructions to both teachers and scholars on using a gun be given.

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John was buried in the Avondale Cemetery.

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Two ambulances gifted to Thames community

Two state-of-the-art ambulances have been gifted to St John in Thames.

A blessing ceremony was held at the St John Thames ambulance station last month to dedicate the two frontline generation four emergency vehicles gifted by Thames couple Dave and Tess Cottrell and the late Joy McGifford, who bequeathed an ambulance to St John in her will.

St John Hauraki Territory Manager John Armit said they were extremely grateful for the support and generosity of the donors.

“As a charity, St John relies on fundraising and donations from the public to equip our ambulance officers and keep ambulances on the road, as well as delivering essential community health programmes throughout the country,” he said.

“The kindness of others ensures we can be there for New Zealanders when they need our help.”

The Cottrells said they had always been grateful for St John’s work in the community.

“St John has always been there for us, we’re so happy that we can help St John and the community by gifting an ambulance,” Dave Cottrell said.

Joy McGifford was a great supporter of St John, and the fellow residents and her



Dave and Tess Cottrell, left, view the electronic stretcher in the emergency ambulance they gifted to St John Thames. RIGHT: Noeline Smith and Ann Harris, centre, with Coromandel MP Scott Simpson, left, and St John Chancellor John Whitehead.

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friends at the Thames retirement village where she lived say they will smile when they see Joy’s ambulance on the roads.

“The residents of Richmond Villas are so pleased that Joy’s wish of gifting an ambulance to St John has been honoured. We’ll call ambulance 623 Joy,” Joy’s friend, Nolene Smith, said.

Each year, St John needs to

find funding for more than 45 new frontline emergency ambulances nationwide.

The two new ambulances donated to St John Ambulance, will start and finish shifts from the Thames ambulance station and will service the communities in and around the town.

They are fully equipped with lifesaving equipment and have features such as electronic stretchers, which do the heavy

lifting for ambulance officers, and safety features like cruise control, which makes it safer for frontline personnel on long journeys.

They also have air conditioning in the rear patient compartment and other features to provide better patient care.

“These vehicles will make a big difference to our ambulance officers and our patients for many years to come,” Mr Ar-

mitt said.

St John provides emergency ambulance services to 90 per cent of New Zealanders and covers 97 per cent of the country’s geographical area. Over the past year, St John answered more than 580,000 emergency calls. St John ambulances travelled over 18 million kilometres and ambulance officers treated and/or transported more than 488,000 patients.



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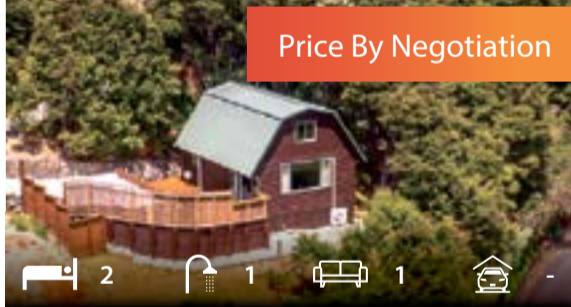


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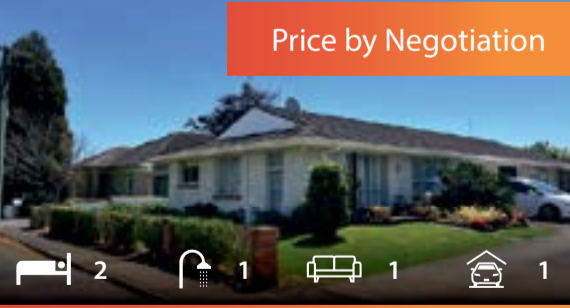


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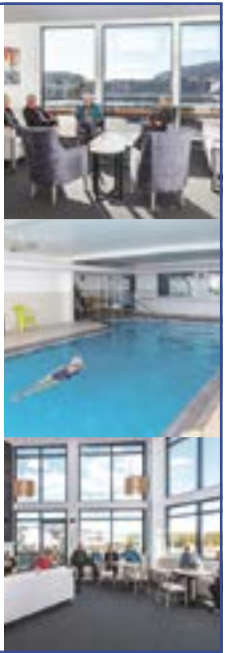


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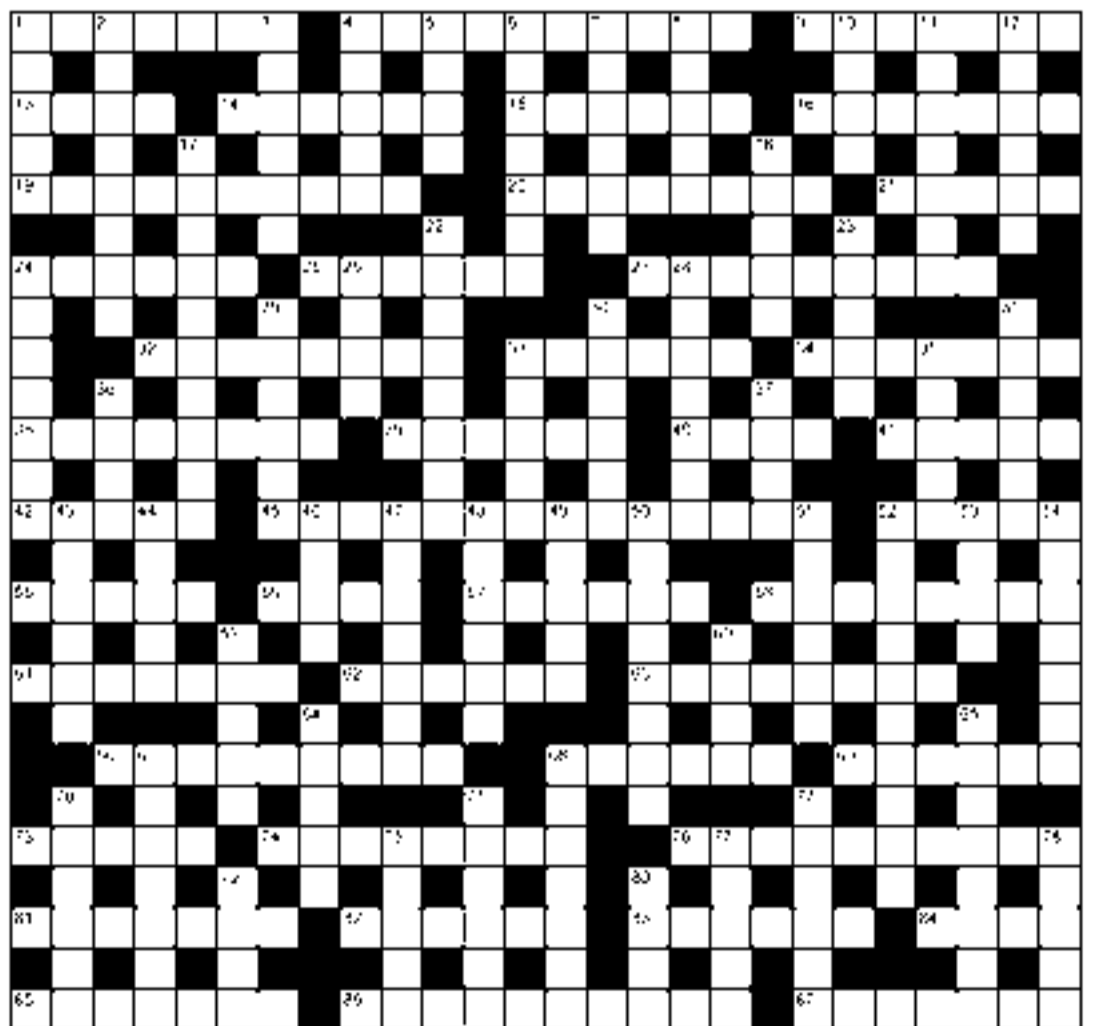
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Green vegetable (7)
 - 4 Called to mind (10)
 - 9 Absurd pretence (7)
 - 13 Hook (4)
 - 14 Collected by philatelist (6)
 - 15 Gained after expenses (6)
 - 16 Accord (7)
 - 19 Written work recast in a new form (10)
 - 20 Full of incidents (8)
 - 21 Cranium (5)
 - 24 Fragrant ointment (6)
 - 25 Sample photographs for orders (6)
 - 27 Secretly following (9)
 - 32 Prospering (8)
 - 33 Authoritarian (6)
 - 34 Loutish, uncultured (7)
 - 38 A red item (anag)(8)
 - 39 Steers clear of (6)
 - 40 Dismiss (4)
 - 41 Actor's platform (5)
 - 42 Eminent (5)
 - 45 Make favourable mention of someone (3,2,1,4,4)
 - 52 Dairy product (5)
 - 55 Blemish (5)
 - 56 Unightly (4)
 - 57 Conversed (6)
 - 58 Untidy writing (8)
 - 61 Computer screen (7)
 - 62 Warning devices (6)
 - 63 Red suit (8)
 - 66 Speedway (9)
 - 68 Creamy dessert (6)
 - 69 Son of Zeus (6)
 - 73 Sleeve ends (5)
 - 74 Feelings of anxiety, nervousness (8)
 - 76 Beef dish (10)
 - 81 Snubbed (7)
 - 82 Japanese hostess (6)
 - 83 Meditate upon (6)
 - 84 Own (4)
 - 85 Majestic (7)
 - 86 Lop-sided (10)
 - 87 Divide into three (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Venomous snake (5)
 - 2 Crustacean on ship's bottom (8)
 - 3 Property (6)
 - 4 Juliet's love (5)
 - 5 Vertical spar (4)
 - 6 Social behaviour (7)
 - 7 Hold in high regard (6)
 - 8 Build (5)
 - 10 Practical joke (4)
 - 11 Small baking dish for one (7)
 - 12 Hang down (6)
 - 17 Something sent with an email (10)
 - 18 Steer (5)
 - 22 Pardoned (8)
 - 23 Oscillate (5)
 - 24 Dog breed (7)
 - 26 Spoil (4)
 - 28 Metal-cutting tool (7)
 - 29 Queue (4,2)
 - 30 Painting in plaster (6)
 - 31 Mark of disgrace (6)
 - 33 Nettle wound (5)
 - 35 Water-loving animal (5)
 - 36 Confront (4)
 - 37 Wound mark (4)
 - 43 Distribute sparingly (6)
 - 44 Accused's defence (5)
 - 46 Impulse (4)
 - 47 Blissfully peaceful (7)
 - 48 Blood vessel (6)
 - 49 Eyes lecherously (5)
 - 50 Ghastly (8)
 - 51 Adulterate (6)
 - 52 Very easy task (6,4)
 - 53 Recedes (4)
 - 54 Distinguished musician (7)
 - 59 Fire prod (5)
 - 60 Flying mammals (4)
 - 64 Unrefined (5)
 - 65 Local tea (anag)(8)
 - 67 Deliberate insult (7)
 - 68 Note (7)
 - 70 Financial plan (6)
 - 71 Things thrown overboard (6)
 - 72 Concealed, secret (6)
 - 75 Thoughts (5)
 - 77 Pick-me-up (5)
 - 78 Armada (5)
 - 79 Relate (4)
 - 80 Box (4)



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ENTERTAINMENT

Thousands raised from global revue

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

A global theatre fundraising event which saw 5000 performances of the same revue worldwide raised more than \$3000 for Thames Music and Drama.

The Thames theatre company took part in the Music Theatre International production of *All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre* over the weekend of November 12.

MTI president and chief executive Drew Cohen earlier said in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the performance was all about bringing people back to the theatre, whether they be audience members or cast, crew, and musicians.

“The revue features songs from the world’s most iconic musicals, so there is definitely something for everyone to enjoy,” he said.

Show tunes came from musicals such as *Rent, Les Misérables, Into the Woods, Matilda, Hairspray, Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, Once on This Island, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia!* and many more.

Nearly 5000 individual performances were seen by around 500,000 audience members, with more than \$6.2 million raised.

Thames MAD president Diane Connors said their performance raised more than



Thames MAD life member Noeline Loader leads the way in *The Human Heart* during the revue.

File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

\$3000 towards their 2022 production of *Mamma Mia!*

They’ve since held auditions and call-backs for the show.

“The sheer volume and quality of people who auditioned was overwhelming – but very exciting,” she said.

“Hopeful auditionees came from far and wide, including Ngatea, Paeroa, Pauanui, Tairua, Hamilton, and even Te Kuiti. It was a very challenging task for the creative team of Jo Haakma (musical director) and Emily Bissett (choreographer).”

Ms Connors will direct the production, due to open on May 13, 2022.

“It’s not just about a certain look or who is the best singer,”

she said. “As this is an ensemble cast, meaning that there are several key characters, it is also about who looks and sounds interesting when working alongside other characters.”

“We, the creative team, believe we have a great combination. There is chemistry between some of the actors already and that’s an awesome place to start.”

DETAILS: In order to provide some certainty around this event under the Covid-19 regulations, all attendees will need to present their Vaccine Pass. More info: www.thamesmad.co.



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SPORTS

Junior cricketers win big in Hawkes Bay

By GORDON PREECE

Valley Cricket's year 4-5 team have come off the bat winning all their matches at the annual Hawke's Bay Cricket Camps.

The tournament for the year 4-5 category was held from January 6 to 8 with Valley Cricket defeating Auckland's Cornwall, Wellington's North City and Hawke's Bay's Havlock North and Taradale on home turf.

Coach Scott Mackenzie said he was "pretty proud" of the team being able to play against very established clubs and come away with the four wins.

"Although for their age group we're not meant to be focusing on wins and results, it's still part of their cricket journey and definitely worth celebrating," he said.

"We were the only team with two females so that's also worth celebrating."

Scott said he was most impressed by the way the team of 12, who'd only had a couple of trainings and one preseason match, came together and it was almost like they'd played together for years.

"They got on so well, they had each other's backs and played very well which was key to the results," he said.



LEFT: Valley Cricket's winning year 4-5 team. RIGHT: Xavier Levings was one of four players to go through the guard of honour due to retirement of a batsman after 25 runs.

"The four matches were won by an all round team performance with our great bowling line up who restricted the opposition's runs, the beautiful fielding, and they backed it up with the bat everytime."

Scott said one of the biggest challenges for the eight- and nine-year-olds was playing two 30 over matches in one day, starting at 9am with the end of

innings at 6pm.

"But we had a fantastic group of close to 40 supporters who rallied behind the team which contributed to the way they played, which was pretty awesome," he said.

Valley Cricket's matches were played across three Hawkes Bay venues including Park Island Recreation Ground in Napier, Memorial Park in



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Haumoana and Clifton County Cricket Club near Cape Kidnappers, which is considered one of New Zealand's more beautiful cricket grounds.

Scott said Valley Cricket's year 7-8 team began their Hawkes Bay campaign on January 12. The North Island event continues until the end of January and attracts hundreds of primary and second-

ary school children.

A positive Covid-19 case was detected at the Cricket Camps but was considered low risk due to strict Covid-19 measures. Scott said the tournament required everyone to be fully vaccinated and the team would've been contacted by Hawke's Bay Cricket Association if they had been near the positive case.

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