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Second wind for Torea Mangu



The large oystercatcher sculpture along the Kaiaua Coast that was intended to rival Paeroa's L&P bottle is getting revitalised. **KELLEY TANTAU** reports

Tony Johnston, right, and fellow Kaiaua artist Thomas Waaka stand by the Torea Mangu sculpture they designed 17 years ago. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

As the sun rose over the western shores of the Firth of Thames, a three-metre tall black bird - the mother of all oystercatchers - was unveiled in all its glory. But even as its sculptor Tony Johnston basked in the four-metre long testament to Kaiaua's wildlife, there were things he wanted to change, to add; ideas he wished to expand upon.

Now 17 years after the dawn ceremony that welcomed 'Torea Mangu' to its perch in coastal Hauraki, Tony will be able to see the sculpture finished as he first intended. Torea Mangu - black oystercatcher in Māori - has become a landmark, and on a blustery Wednesday, it is flanked by RVs using the scenic spot as a place to rest. "My intention was to make

it sort of like the Lemon and Paeroa bottle, a bit of an icon, but I was expecting to make it look a lot better - which I intend to do this time around," Tony tells *The Profile*. The Kaiaua artist has been in talks with Hauraki District Council about giving the bird a fresh paint job, and its terracotta beak will be glazed red. Tony's vision also sees red tiles going down the bottom

of the concrete plinth, and the bird's legs will feature individual ceramic rings, made by Tony at his nearby Penguin Studio. "I've been going to do it for ages, but the impetus is because there's more of a deadline now," he says. "I can do it now while I'm still alive." Torea Mangu was a project funded by an Auckland Regional Council

arts allocation to the then Franklin District Council. It was constructed over three years, and while it did have community support, the bird faced some criticism. "There was a 'for' and 'against' camp, shall we say... but that's all gone now," he says. Tony is no stranger to controversy. **CONTINUED ON P2**

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Artist ‘motivated’ to update sculpture

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In the early 1980s, he was commissioned to create a 10-panel mural based on the life of Rua Kenana, a Tūhoe prophet. The work caused a little grief when it was suggested it be installed in the Manukau City Council chambers.

The mural was given a six-month trial, and was voted to remain where it stayed until the council amalgamated with Auckland in 2010.

Tony, now 76, “made a conscious decision” to take up art in his late-30s.

In 1978-79, he studied pottery with New Zealand artist Peter Stichbury and began painting full-time. During the mid 90s and early-2000s, he was represented by art dealer Warwick Brown and Portfolio Gallery in Auckland.

Tony confesses he was a popular artist “earlier on”.

“But I didn’t like the popularity much,” he says.

In constructing the 2.5-tonne concrete oyster-catcher, he enlisted the help of another local Kaiaua artist, Thomas Waaka, who aided Tony in defining the final shape of the bird.

Other artists, such as Brody Ruinga, Brett Spicer, and Michael Stehlin, have also assisted in “various bird activities” over the past 10 years, Tony says.



Tony Johnston outside his Penguin Studio in Whakatūwai. RIGHT: The original sculpture being hauled out of his workshop.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU

“The best thing about this,” he says, staring up at the bird which has lost about a knee-length in height due to coastal erosion, “is how many people can build something like this with their name on it? Isn’t that ego to the max?”

Hauraki District Council says it isn’t funding the “much-needed facelift” for Torea Mangu, but it is making sure Tony has everything he needs to do the work. They also supplied the scaffolding - which is up now for around a three-week window.

A spokesperson says the council inherited Torea Mangu a long time ago, and believes the community are “quite proud of the iconic sculpture”.

“It is pretty unbelievable,” Tony says. “I think I’ve been blessed in some sort of strange way, and it’s not because I’ve been particularly good or anything.”

“This is the time to do it, now that [the area] is all opening up.

“I’m motivated and I can’t



put it off much longer.”

And when he’s asked to describe his artistic career, spanning across four decades, Tony simply says it “beats working in a bank”.

DETAILS: To contact Tony, visit: penguinstudionz.com



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Tairua	+0	10	+0 21
Whangamata	-0	07	-0 07
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0 12

Paeroa cut from Hikutaia zone proposal

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

A new enrolment scheme for Hikutaia School may exclude students hailing from nearby Paeroa.

The Ministry of Education is currently working with the board of the rural school along State Highway 26 to implement a new enrolment scheme to help manage the risk of overcrowding.

The proposed new zone will stop after Morrison Rd, south of Komata.

Hikutaia School principal Wayne Whitney said around 37 per cent of the school's current students lived outside the proposed new zone. That was 51 of the kura (school's) roll of 135.

"We have capacity for five classrooms at present; however, this year we have remodelled the library and turned that into the sixth classroom," he said.

"In order to get extra classrooms from the ministry, we need to have an enrolment scheme in place.

"If we were to get extra classrooms, then we can accept more students at Hikutaia School."

Students already enrolled at a school before a home zone is implemented or changed are entitled to stay at their current school; but if the proposed zone change goes ahead, applications for students who live outside the area will be processed in order of priority.



Hikutaia School Principal Wayne Whitney

According to the ministry, first priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students, then to applicants who are siblings of former students, then to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school, then to who is either a child of an employee of the board of the school, or a child of a member of the board of the school.

Finally, sixth priority will be given to all other applicants.

Matua Whitney said it was "too early to tell" the school community's response to the proposal ahead of a consultation meeting next month.

"However I have received three emails from some concerned parents out of zone with preschoolers who want to have their kids attend Hikutaia," he said.

"Luckily for them, due to the priority list being ex-students, and parents who attended the school, they will be accepted



As shown in the map, the proposed zone will stop after Morrison Rd, south of Komata. Photo: SUPPLIED/MOE

in a school ballot."

Following the June meeting, the ministry will consider all feedback and consult with the school board before making a final decision.

It expects the school community to be updated about progress made towards the end of Term 3, while the new schemes and changes were expected to come into effect for

the beginning of Term 4.

"This is new for Hikutaia and we want to get it right, and ensure future parents who want their kids to attend Hikutaia are able to be included," Matua Whitney said.

"We will be managing this new phase with great interest. Perhaps with the growth in the area, the ministry will look at adding new classrooms for our

school."

DETAILS: A consultation meeting will be held at Hikutaia School on June 1 at 2pm to provide further information and gather feedback from the community. More info at: <https://consultation.education.govt.nz/>



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New openings at Goldfields Shopping Centre

Refreshing would be an apt way to describe the latest change at Goldfields Shopping Centre in Thames.

During the weekend, Postie launched its new shop providing increased space, a greater range of clothing for men, women and children all in a significantly refreshed look.

Located alongside the recently renovated Bed Bath and Beyond Home Store, the new Postie outlet joins another recent addition to the centre in Beds4U.

Previously located just inside the main entrance to the centre, Postie sought additional space to offer a greater product choice while offering shoppers additional room to enhance the shopping experience.

New latest model displays have been introduced in a modernisation of the shop from the floor up.

Centre spokesman John Freer said Postie took the option when Bed Bath and Beyond made the decision to upgrade its Goldfield's shop and relocate within the centre to achieve greater floor space.

"The two refurbished shops along with Boots N All, Gold-



Shoppers enjoy browsing in the new Postie store that opened in a new location in Goldfields Shopping Centre on the weekend. Photo: SUPPLIED

fields Pharmacy and Beds4U provide very appealing options for shoppers."

A further enhancement will come within the next two

months with the international brand of Specsavers opening in Goldfields.

Work has already commenced on the Specsavers refit, with two

former shops being combined to provide both optometry and audiology services.

Freer said it was anticipated the new shop would open by Au-

gust.

He said work on The Warehouse Garden Centre was due to resume following supply delays and project resourcing.

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Pink kids

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These girls are pretty in pink.



Room 5 dazzle in their pink ensembles.



Room 1 and 3 dress in pink for the special day.

Photos: GORDON PREECE



Luke Mason, left, Reese Paterson-Williams and Kaydan Tihara-Hetet.



Grace Wilkinson, left, and Eva Ellis.



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Petition supports Thames' Vibe

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

A petition in support of Thames' Create the Vibe has been presented to council one month after another petition called for its removal.

Shaz Kerebs told the Thames Community Board last week that she, and the 100 signatories, wanted The Vibe and Mary St closure to become permanent.

Her presentation followed one given by Sheryl McConnell and Heather Fowler in April, whose own petition amassed 641 signatures and called for Mary St to reopen to traffic.

"Sure, this area has changed vehicle access routes through Mary St, but it has also created a pedestrian-friendly area right in the heart of Thames," Shaz told elected members.

"It has also showcased the amazing talents of [local artists] Rick Fisher and Kylie Gunn."

Mary St used to connect shoppers in Pollen St to travellers in Queen St through the CBD's only roundabout, but in 2020, Thames-Coromandel District Council closed the high-traffic thoroughfare to create 'The Vibe' - an open space with festoon lighting, tables, and garden planters.

Shaz said the area had helped to create a "real atmosphere" in the town she had lived in for more than 20 years. "These sorts of initiatives will be increasingly more important as we move towards

less congestion on our roads and more community-serving public spaces," she said.

"This area, if it becomes permanent, will continue to gain popularity, and it can evolve as its usage increases."

The Mary St closure was said to be a "temporary" project of up to two years, and was 90 per cent funded (\$320,125) by the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency through its Innovating Streets pilot.

Thames Business Association chief executive Sue Lewis-O'Halloran also presented to the community board the results of a survey conducted among the business community. In it, 57 per cent of respondents didn't think Create the Vibe had been a success.

"[It has] caused far too much negative discussion for it to be a success," one said. "[It] needs to be relocated, as this street is a vital through-road across town."

"Rethink the whole plan - there seems to be so much bitterness in some parts of the community about it," another said, before adding: "TCDC seems to have had a high turnover of staff in various areas, and this affects public perception of trust in what's happening and how decisions are made. I personally support the closure of Mary St and the Vibe concept in principle."



Waihi Lions member Linda Hansen, left, together with fellow members, right, prepare for the annual book fair.



Waihi Lions call for books, puzzles, CDs

By GORDON PREECE

More than 300 boxes of books are being prepared to be sold at this year's Waihi Lions Book Fair.

The aim of the annual event, which will be held at Waihi Memorial Hall over Queen's Birthday weekend, is to raise money for the local community.

Waihi Lion and Book Fair co-ordinator Gabriella Fraser told *The Profile* the event was long standing, well established and people came from far and wide to attend.

"Last year was the best ever book fair and we raised \$13,000 - that was a lot of books and a lot of hard work," she said.

"Our book fair's a little different in that it's very organised and structured, everything is placed on tables and placed alphabetically

and/or in order of the content of the books. We haven't set a community cause this year yet but last year, some of the money went to MenzShed at Waihi Beach getting established and some money went to aid children at [Waihi College]."

Gabriella said books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs had been donated by the Waihi, Waihi Beach, Paeroa and Katikati communities.

"The Waihi town hall is chocka with tables and laden with books... we've probably got 300 banana boxes and we've still got two weeks to go," she said.

Gabriella said people could donate items for the book fair at drop off stations in Paeroa, Waihi and Waihi Beach until May 30, but could still bring items into Waihi Memorial Hall after that date when the Lions would be setting up from 9am to 1pm.

The Book Fair takes place from June 3-5.

Gabriella said Waihi Lions would also also host a \$5 Friday event on June 3.

"This is a new thing we established last year, it's basically for book sellers who usually like to come and buy our books because they're so reasonably priced, and for people who prefer to have a quiet browse," she said.

"Please come and support all our hard work, the committee's spent the last four months solidly working towards this."

Details: Waihi Lions Book Fair, Waihi Memorial Hall, June 3: 5pm to 7pm; June 4: 9am to 4pm; June 5: 10am to 2pm. Drop off stations are open for book fair donations until May 30: Waihi BP Connect and Mobil; Waihi Beach Home & Hardware; and Paeroa Caltex Service Station.

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Rural Life

Drought-stricken farmers given funding boost

By GORDON PREECE

The Rural Support Trust has been given a \$30,000 boost from the Ministry of Primary Industries [MPI] to assist Waikato, Hauraki-Coromandel farmers affected by drought. MPI director of rural communities and farming support Nick Story said drought conditions affecting Waikato's primary sector were classified as a medium-scale adverse event on May 16 by Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor following a request from the district's primary sector.

Mr Story said the support package included tax flexibility with Inland Revenue and \$30,000 for Waikato, Hauraki Coromandel Rural Support Trust to run events to connect people and provide mentoring support. "Farmers in these districts have been closely monitoring the situation and making early decisions about stock levels, culling and buying in feed, but the lack of rain is starting to have an impact as winter looms," he said. "The national Feed Coordination Service is available for

farmers if they are struggling to find sources of supplementary feed." Hauraki-Coromandel Federated Farmers president Robert Craw told *The Profile* MPI funds were always helpful and much appreciated, especially during difficult times. "The biggest concern that we have is actually what's going to happen through late winter-spring, so that money's kind of been earmarked for what we see as a worse case scenario," he said. "There's a lot of guys that are hurting and a lot of guys that

have had to dig into their supplement supplies just to get their animals through to now. "If we don't get a good growth period through the early parts of winter, they could be in a bit of trouble." Mr Craw said he hoped the district would experience a "kind winter". "NIWA's forecasted a warm wet [winter] so the warm part we're really thankful for and hopefully that continues for as long as possible," he said. "Wet we don't need, there's low pasture cover levels, you'll end up with potential mud and

lack of grass utilisation... which is not going to be ideal, so warm and dryer would be ideal and a good early spring." Mr Craw encouraged the district's farmers to attend Rural Support Trust events to talk about solutions and plans. "The conversations we've been having now going forward is all about being proactive rather than reactive," he said. "We don't want to get to late winter-spring and have a whole heap of skinny cows and mud, so it's all about avoiding those things that have happened in the past."

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Thames Valley Rugby Union held its girls-only Rippa World Cup Tournament at Paeroa Domain on May 18. Around 110 junior players from schools around the district represented different countries in this friendly competition. The Women’s World Cup Trophy was on site and NZ Rugby said Black Ferns would attend the display; however, no players turned up on the day. Reporter **KELLEY TANTAU** was there to capture the fun.



ABOVE: Elieta Tukia tucks into an ice cream.
LEFT: Canada players reach for the tag of an attacker.
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Briar Hickson from Waihi practises during break.



Sylvie Beale-Jones, centre, gives chase.



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Work out what your most important aspects are for your big day. Photo: SUPPLIED

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Moving pictures comes to Paeroa



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.

1911

The weekly moving picture entertainments promoted by the Colonial Picture Company had ‘taken on’ in Paeroa, where there was a good attendance at the Criterion Theatre. The pictures were beautifully clear and distinct, and the pleasure of the audience shown by rounds of applause. The subjects of the pictures were varied, ranging from the comic to the tragic. The company returned each week, when an entirely new lot of pictures were shown.

The marvel of telephonic communication was approved between Thames and the Hauraki Plains. The telephone line would run from Kerepēhi to Waitakaruru, via Orchard (Ngātea) and Pipiroa. It was proposed to rebuild the present telephone line from Turua to Kerepēhi and take it by a more suitable route to Pipiroa. This line when completed would link up practically the whole of the Hauraki Plains with the existing circuit.

Provision needed to be made



Shortland Wharf in Thames, 1912.

Photo: SUPPLIED

for women and children using the Shortland wharf, as there were no sanitary arrangements provided in the boats that they travelled on to and from the Piako. A year earlier, Thames County councillors had advocated for a better class of boat with proper sanitary accommodation and suggested a subsidy to help, but for some senseless reason, the matter was allowed to drop.

A mild sensation was created at Waihi Beach when police entered the campground with a warrant to inspect the three tents of one camper and his family. The camp was situated just outside the boundary line of the no-license district of Ohinemuri, and in the Tauranga electorate. The police seized beer in cases and kegs, and demijohns of whisky. They found some of the liquor buried in the ground outside the tent, and also discovered an excavation in the shape of a miniature cellar under one of the beds inside the tent.

A short way from the camp, they came across about twenty dozen empty bottles. Visitors and campers at the beach were interested spectators of

the proceedings. The cunning camper was charged with sly grog selling.

A Bachelors’ Ball at Turua proved to be one of the most enjoyable entertainments held in the district for many years. There was a large attendance, the floor was in splendid order, and the music, supplied by Mr McCarthy’s Paeroa orchestra, was all that could be desired.

An excellent supper was provided and judging by the quick time in which the toothsome edibles vanished, they were evidently relished by an appreciative assemblage. The many tired feelings the next morning only served to remind those who experienced them of the pleasure of the night’s frivolity.

A young man with a penchant for ‘tarroddling’ informed the *Thames Star* by telephone that there had been a serious trap accident down the coast. They were about to publish the details but decided to investigate further. The whole story had been invented by the imaginative individual who had attached himself to the other end of the phone. “We are now looking for him with a club!” thundered the newspaper.

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Thames Music Group is back after Covid-19 disruptions.

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Music group performances return

By GORDON PREECE

Thames Music Group has returned after a series of Covid-19 disruptions. Secretary Elizabeth Jones told *The Profile*, the Covid-19 lockdown in August last year and New Zealand's switch to the red traffic light setting in January forced the cancellation of eight performances. "The last concert was the Mighty River Barber-shop Choir from Hamilton on August 9, and after that we went into lockdown," she said. "We always plan a year ahead so we'd already put in everything for 2022."

Elizabeth said Thames Music Group was also impacted by Covid-19 disruptions in 2020. "Over the period of the beginning of Covid we didn't know what to do but we managed to fit in a couple of concerts. Then

it was too dangerous to have people seated close together and it wasn't wise for us to continue," she said. "Performers also couldn't come and we had difficulty rescheduling and trying to get people."

Elizabeth said the group held its first performance after nine months on May 15 with the Aroha String Quartet and clarinetist Rachel Vernon from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. "We didn't know whether the May concert would happen until Jacinda said it's orange so I wrote to [Robert Ibell from New Zealand Symphony Orchestra] in Wellington and said it's orange and you could come," she said. Around 90 people attended the performance, held at St George's Anglican Church on Mackay St. "There was such relief, the people were just so grateful, they've actually missed so much enjoy-

ment from live music," she said. "It wasn't just them - the performers said afterwards we've been recording and it's hard work but we come on stage and we've got an audience and it's much better for them to perform because they've got a response immediately."

Elizabeth said they'll continue the tradition of holding performances every second Sunday and fourth Friday at St George's. "On Fridays we have the local people as much as possible because that's one of the things we want to encourage and young musicians," she said. "We have a queue, for next year we're well on the way to having a full programme already."

DETAILS: Free Friday concert, May 27, 12.15pm at St Georges Church Thames: University of Waikato's The Instrumental Students. Masks compulsory, soup and bun, \$5.

Crafty event for Waihi Beach

By GORDON PREECE

Waihi Beach Art & Craft Fair has attracted thousands of people over the past 18 years. The annual event, which will be held on the Sunday of Queens Birthday Weekend this year at Waihi Beach Community Centre, boasts the likes of clothing, pet accessories, knitting, woodwork and jewellery from vendors who come from as far away as Auckland. Event organiser Colleen Low told *The Profile* she hoped people would feel comfortable attending the event now Covid-19 had eased. "Back a few years ago in the heyday we were getting around 1500 people... but we would average 900 to 1000 people," she said.

"Because of the Covid, we were holding our breath whether we'd be able to run it because of the restrictions. But because we're in the different traffic light setting now, we're okay. "So we just hope people will feel comfortable and come because people are out and about again."

The event had become widely known, she said. "People come to their holiday homes in the Bay of Plenty but people come from everywhere, Coromandel, Waihi, Rotorua, Hamilton, Tauranga, so it's got a very good name," she said. **Details: Waihi Beach Art and Craft Fair at Waihi Beach Community Centre, June 5, 10am to 3:30pm. Cash only entry: \$4, Eftpos available at vendors, onsite cafe available.**



Waihi Beach Art & Craft Fair organisers hope for a good turnout this year after Covid-19 has eased.

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SPORTS REPORTS



Men's open singles winner Jon Ballantyne with Women's open singles winner Maree Jamieson.



Ladies doubles champions - Maree Jamieson and Karin Chambers.



Men's doubles champions - Jon Ballantyne and Ryan Tanner.



Mixed doubles winners - Maree Jamieson and Gary Jamieson.

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On May 15, the Thames Tennis Club held its club champs. Even though it was a bit drizzly and overcast, we were able to complete all the matches. RESULTS: Men's Open Singles Champion - Jon Ballantyne; Women's Open Singles Champion - Maree Jamieson; Men's Doubles - Jon Ballantyne and Ryan Tanner; Ladies Doubles - Maree Jamieson and Karin Chambers; Mixed Doubles - Maree Jamieson and Gary Jamieson; 60 Plus Men's Singles champion - Des Sylvester; 60 Plus

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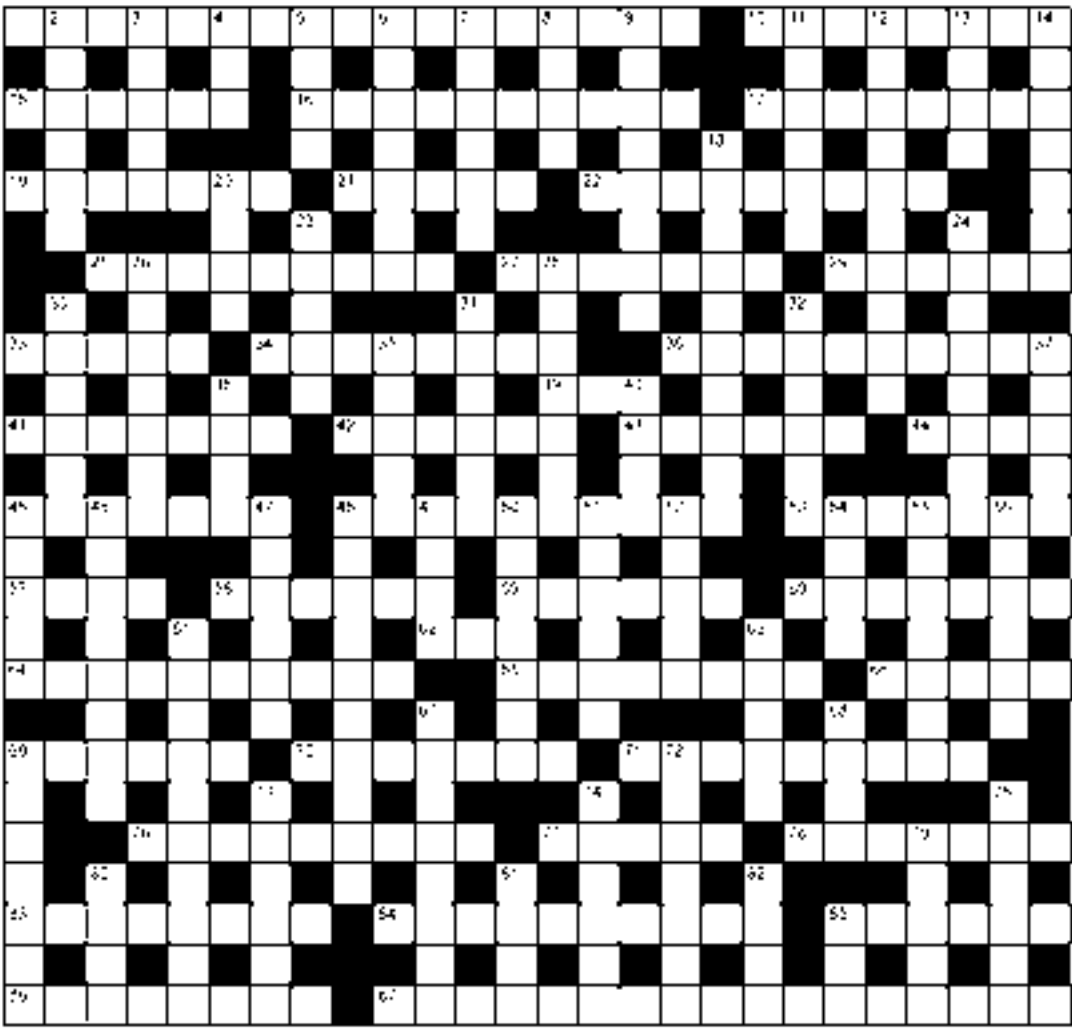
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ACROSS

- 1 Fad, craze, person quickly discarded
after being in demand (7,2,3,5)
10 Shines wetly (8)
15 Sheep meat (6)
16 Branch of mathematics (10)
17 Sluggishness (8)
19 Told off (7)
21 Special ability (5)
22 High-rising sport (4,5)
25 Cargo ship (9)
27 Orbs (7)
29 Property (6)
33 Horrify (5)
34 Wedlock (8)
36 Showing unselfish concern for the welfare of others (10)
39 Pledge (3)
41 Dictionary (7)
42 Mahatma _____ (6)
43 Develop over time (6)
44 Prolonged bitter quarrel (4)
45 Mollify (7)
48 Mere rhetoric (5,5)
53 Farm vehicle (7)
57 Falsehoods (4)
58 Eastern market (6)
59 Sharp (6)
60 Make louder (7)
62 Make a mistake (3)
64 Study of earthquakes (10)
65 Recent arrival (8)

- 66 Inexperienced (5)
69 Showy trinket (6)
70 Thrown bomb (7)
71 Business colleague (9)
76 Surgical procedure (9)
77 Woven trimming (5)
78 Fan (7)
83 Weakened (8)
84 Below (10)
85 Farm enclosure (6)
86 Pause with uncertainty (8)
87 Defraud or rob someone of all their money (4,2,3,8)
DOWN
2 Inaugurate (6)
3 Essential (5)
4 Vase (3)
5 Colourful gemstone (4)
6 Small flow (7)
7 Breathe out (6)
8 Unrestricted (4)
9 Reload it (anag)(8)
11 Room to manoeuvre (6)
12 Academic (10)
13 Cereal heads (4)
14 Horizon (7)
18 Anti-authority, defiant (10)
20 Give off (4)
23 Swindle (5)
24 Abuse (8)
26 See (7)
28 Advance showing (7)

- 30 Maintenance (6)
31 Armed thief (6)
32 Hedge shrub (6)
35 Domain (5)
37 Apple drink (5)
38 Employer (4)
40 Dress in (4)
45 Book of maps (5)
46 Treasured (8)
47 Make possible (6)
48 Overstate (10)
49 Skin hole (4)
50 Longed for (7)
51 Capital of Canada (6)
52 As above (5)
54 Sloping path (4)
55 Guilty one (7)
56 Counterbalance (6)
61 Inconspicuous limitations in a contract (5,5)
63 Wading bird (5)
67 Sleeping problem (8)
68 Sagacious (4)
69 Polish by rubbing (7)
72 Green vegetable (7)
73 Pressing (6)
74 Quickly, at once (6)
75 Shackle (6)
79 Keyboard instrument (5)
80 Musical work (4)
81 Yield (4)
82 Fashionable (4)
85 Pastry-covered dish (3)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Cardiff, 4 Plagiarism, 9 Stadium, 13 Belt, 14 Garlic, 15 Lessen, 16 Harpoon, 18 Hue, 20 Evaporated, 21 Greenery, 22 Sonic, 25 Tremor, 26 Recoil, 28 Sceptical, 33 Hooligan, 34 Spinet, 35 Complex, 39 Approval, 40 Effort, 41 Thin, 42 Joker, 43 Spy, 45 Sail close to the wind, 53 Odd, 56 Elbow, 57 Omen, 58 Odious, 59 Suppress, 62 Factual, 63 Cancel, 64 Colander, 67 Sustained, 69 Future, 70 Pigeon, 74 Vocal, 75 Likeness, 77 Tapestries, 81 Sag, 83 Minaret, 84 Gateau, 85 Anorak, 86 Girl, 87 Intense, 88 Settlement, 89 Expense.

DOWN: 1 Cable, 2 Released, 3 Fracas, 4 Pulse, 5 Arch, 6 Illegal, 7 Rasher, 8 Stern, 10 Thaw, 11 Diploma, 12 Utopia, 17 Monotonous, 19 Graph, 23 To and fro, 24 Pivot, 25 Threats, 27 Edgy, 29 Cheetah, 30 Alkali, 31 Bistro, 32 Defend, 34 Slope, 36 Ploy, 37 Spry, 38 View, 44 Pillar, 46 Lime, 47 Lineage, 48 Scorch, 49 Twirl, 50 Truncate, 51 Iguana, 52 Depreciate, 53 Over, 54 Disdain, 55 Port, 60 Faith, 61 Slur, 65 Rigid, 66 Decision, 68 Unaware, 69 Fissure, 71 Motion, 72 Defeat, 73 Behave, 76 Elate, 78 Aloft, 79 Solve, 80 Mess, 82 Gave.

GARDENING

Prepare for the chilly season

Planting a garden with winter in mind can make a potentially chilly season into a time of great delight. With the trees shedding their leaves it brings everything into sharp relief allowing others to strut their stuff. Its time for shapely branches and beautiful bark to take their turn in the limelight.

Paper birch, Tibetan cherry and crepe myrtles all examples of winter beauty without flowers. Trees or shrubs with berries are a must for winter colour also. Some suggestions are Malus ‘Gorgeous’ and ‘Jack Humm’ are also worth growing for jelly making and put on a great show. A large tree which puts on a great show with its berries is Ilex Polycarpa. Smaller example just as pretty are Nandina, Skimmia Japonica, Corokia and Viburnum.

FLOWERS
Early season winter annuals beginning to bloom are alyssum, calendula, pansy, poppy, snapdragon, stock, cineraria and primulas. Bulbs already planted out, such as daffodils and freesias, are well on the way due to the continued warm weather.

ROSES
The flowering season is almost finished. Stop dead heading and allowing the rose to produce rosehips puts nourishment back into the plants. Prune in July. Apply a lime sulphur spray to clean up powdery mildew or moss on old bushes.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES
Beetroot – winter seedlings need occasional cultivation to aerate soil and control weeds. Foliar fertilise to stimulate growth. Cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and brussels sprouts, carrots and parsnips – harvest those sown December-January as ready and continue to plant carrot seeds this month. Continue planting winter lettuce. Cos is a good

choice at this time of year. Rhubarb – old crowns which have been lifted and stored can now be divided and planted in permanent growing position. Silverbeet, spinach and kale – harvest outer larger leaves to help plants to continue producing through winter. Make further sowings of spinach. Nature doesn’t like bare soil so you might consider planting a green manure crop such as lupin, mustard, clover or buckwheat. This is a way of putting valuable nutrients back into the soil in your vegetable garden.

STONE FRUIT
Leaf fall is almost complete – in mid-June, apply a winter copper spray especially on varieties prone to bacterial canker.

OTHER FRUIT
Apples, pears – begin mid-winter pruning to regulate fruiting characteristics and improve fruit bearing. Citrus – severe winter cold damages shoot growth and fruit, so where possible, lightly cover trees on clear frosty nights. Feijoas - continue harvesting. Strawberries: now is the time to sort your strawberry bed if you want strawberries for Christmas. Full sun with free draining soil. Dig in strawberry fertiliser and liquid feed every fortnight. Raspberries, boysenberries, loganberries: prune out last season’s cane growth and tie new seasons growth on to supports - select the strongest, prune out spindly shoots.

COMPOST HEAP
Turn all heaps this month add garden lime, sulphate of ammonia and nitrogen fertiliser to stimulate decay. Old compost ready for the garden can be applied as mulch or incorporated into the soil when preparing gardens for spring. Enjoy your garden.

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College chooses Counties over Valley

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

A decision by Hauraki Plains College to pull its First XV boys team out of the local rugby competition will be a “dark cloud” hanging over the Thames Valley Rugby Football Union as it celebrates its centenary this year, the union says.

The college made the decision last month to withdraw from the Thames Valley First XV competition to instead play in the Counties Manukau Rugby Football Union First XV competition.

College principal Ngairi Harris told *The Profile* they had “no issue with Thames Valley Rugby”, but the school’s sports executive, supported by the board of trustees, made the decision for what they believed would “ultimately be in the best interests of players and for the development of rugby at HPC at this point in time”.

Union general manager Paul Nisbet said it meant Hauraki College players would not be eligible to be selected into the Swamp Foxes if they were not playing with a club in a competition under the control of the union.

“It would be like us picking Auckland Grammar or Kelston Boys’ High School players who don’t make Auckland rep teams. There’s nothing fair or appropriate in that.”



The HPC First XV were the Coulter Cup winners in 2020. This year, the college has opted out of the Thames Valley competition.

He received an email from the school on April 12 that said the switch was to cater to a number of players who came from Bombay, Pukekohe, Hunua, and Clevedon – areas outside of the college’s enrolment zone.

It was a “baffling” decision, he said, and the union was not aware how many players were affected.

The Profile asked the college how many of its First XV players came from outside of the

district, but the question was not answered.

“Right now, having our First XV reduced to four teams, because of reasons we still do not fully comprehend, is extremely disappointing,” Mr Nisbet said.

“Having said this, the quality of First XV players on display so far this season is excellent and provides a solid foundation.”

The college dominated the local First XV competition from the mid 80s, through to the ear-

ly 2000s; however, the college has only been First XV championship winners of the Coulter Cup three times since 2003.

Kelly Plummer, Thames Valley Rugby historian and long-time stalwart of the game in the region, said to lose the college’s First XV team from the competition was “a dark cloud hanging over the union in its centenary year”.

“Bert O’Brien, an outstanding Hauraki Plains College principal

of yesteryear may well be turning in his grave over the fact that all the work he did to build up rugby in HPC and Thames Valley secondary schools in the 1970s has this shadow cast over it,” he said.

Hauraki Plains College old boys Brian McCollum, David Dillon, John Corbett, and Karl Davis were Swamp Foxes of the past, Mr Nisbet said, while three of the union’s nine centuries – those who have played more than 100 games for the Swamp Foxes – were also HPC old boys: Richie Taylor, David Harrison, and Butch Campbell.

“We truly value HPC’s involvement in our competitions and will welcome them with open arms if they can remove perceived barriers and continue playing in their traditional catchment; in the community that cares for them and wants what is best for the school and its players,” Mr Nisbet said.

“We give that commitment not just because of our longstanding relationship with HPC, but on behalf of the other schools in our province that are now adversely inconvenienced.”

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