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MATCH FOR MYLES

It took 12 years for Myles MacDuff to receive a diagnosis for an incurable disease thought to be caused by a massive knock to the head during a rugby game. GORDON PREECE reports

Myles MacDuff hopes an upcoming rugby game named in his honour will raise awareness of motor neuron disease.

The former Hauraki North and Thames Valley loose forward was diagnosed with motor neuron disease (MND) in November last year, more than a decade after a life-changing injury.

Myles, who grew up in Kerepēhi, said the head injury he suffered during a game with Hauraki North in Te Aroha in 2009 could have caused his diagnosis.

"I had a massive head knock... and split my head open," he said.

His wife, Helen, said Myles had a hematoma on the top of his head and his speech was slurred after the knock to the head.

"There was a locum on duty in Te Aroha so all he did was look at Myles and just bandage him up and then sent him home," she said.

"The next day he rang around Ngātea to find us again just to check in because [Myles] probably should've just gone to hospital, but he never did... we just carried on thinking he'd get better but he didn't really."

Myles, who had previously also played for Whangamatā, Hamilton, Yorkshire and Welsh clubs, said he faced a "snowball" of health issues in the years following the head injury, before finally receiving a diagnosis.

"Two years prior to being diagnosed, I started suffering mas-

sively from fatigue... I couldn't do anything on the weekends, and then weight gain happened and then little accidents at work... It was just a snowball," he said.

"Then I got depression, my arms started twitching mid last year, so I went to the doctor. Because I had a neck injury compressing all my vertebrae, they were leaning on the fact I had a pinched nerve or done something there.

"I did MRIs but in the meantime I started losing strength in my hand... and when the GP learned I was losing strength, straight away I could see it then, he knew."

Myles was then sent to a neurologist for further tests where his MND diagnosis was confirmed.

Helen said she and Myles, who were living in Te Puke at the time with their children, Greer and William, "were in shock".

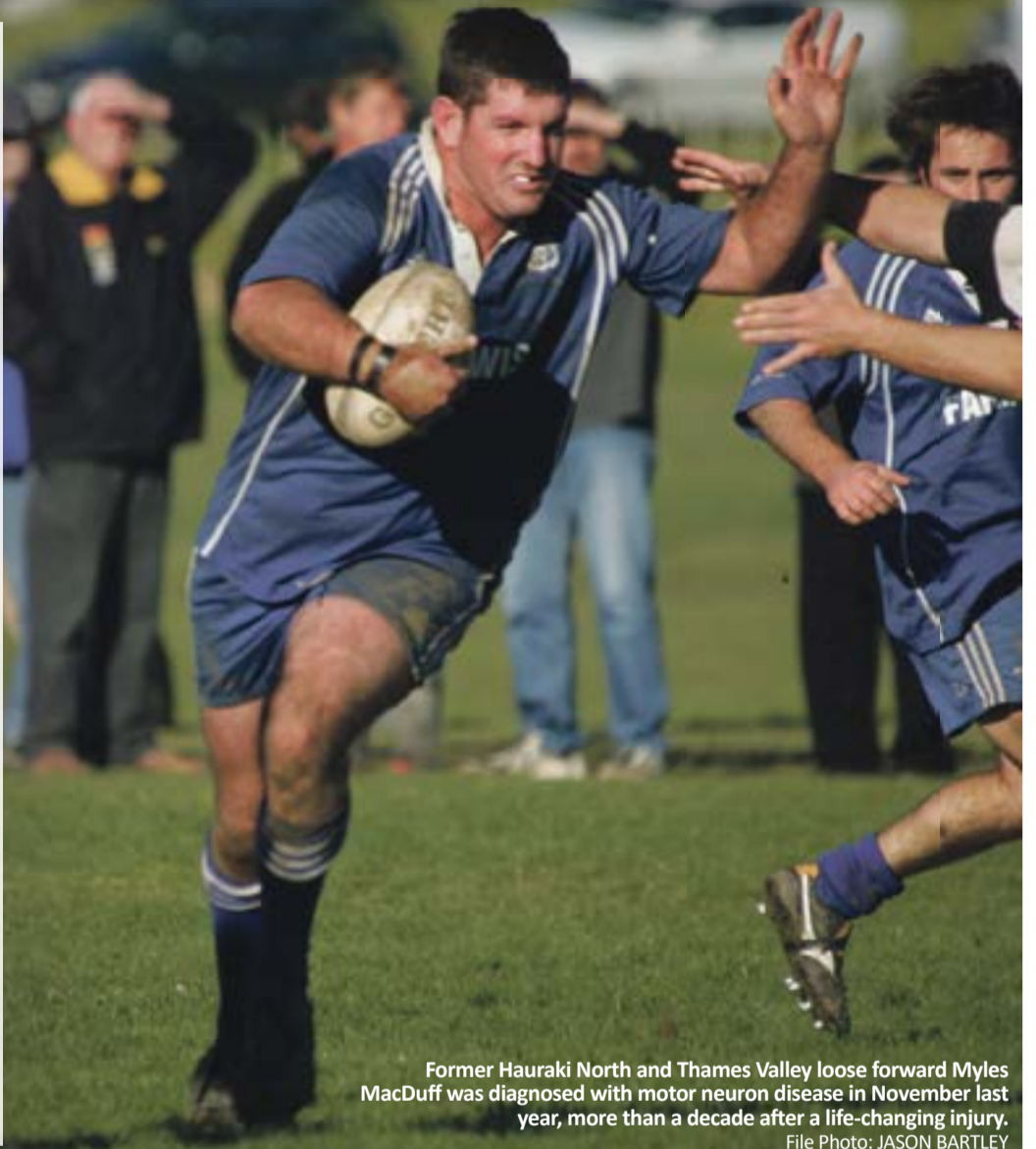
"We drove home, the kids were at school and we just sat there like stunned mullets," she said.

"The neurologist gave us some stats and said by the time of diagnosis, statistically 50 per cent make it to 18 months.

"So we don't know the timeframe, we don't know how long [Myles] has... we hope for the best."

Myles said he announced his diagnosis on Facebook so he could "be open right from the start", and his family moved back to Ngātea

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Former Hauraki North and Thames Valley loose forward Myles MacDuff was diagnosed with motor neuron disease in November last year, more than a decade after a life-changing injury. File Photo: JASON BARTLEY

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Invitational to raise funds for Myles

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in January to be with extended family and their community.

A #4miles4myles campaign was soon established where competitors would walk, run or cycle for four miles to raise funds for Myles.

"A lot of people around Wales got involved... [Springboks captain] Siya Kolisi, [former Wales coach] Warren Gatland and half the Welsh team were doing videos fundraising for me, it was pretty full on," Myles said.

"We decided to go to Wales and see [old rugby mates] for our holiday so we caught up with them and they had a big fundraising night for us... it was pretty overwhelming, it was great."

Helen said Ngātea Primary School also took part in the #4miles4myles fundraiser, along with a Long Arms Challenge fundraiser, which involved physical activity.

Myles was then contacted by Hauraki North club captain Andrew Williams who together with Thames Valley Swampfoxes coach David Harrison offered to host a rugby game to raise funds to support Myles and raise awareness for MND.

The event, which kicks off on July 23, includes matches between Hauraki North and Thames Valley with players from both teams invited by Myles, plus a curtain raiser between the Swampfoxes and North Harbour B.

"I love the fact that all of my old mates are coming back to-



Myles MacDuff says he faced a "snowball" of health issues in the years following the head injury, before finally receiving a diagnosis.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

gether... almost all of them are guys I've had to do with through my rugby career," Myles said.

"I've got two Welsh guys staying with me at the moment from Fishguard, [Wales], they've come over for the game and [for them] to play in this game means a lot."

Helen said all donations from the rugby event, the Long Arms Challenge and #4miles4myles fundraisers would help fund their kids' education, specialised equipment to support Myles and help her support Myles full time.

"Because motor neuron shuts down everything physically, he won't be able to move at all and speak," she said.

"Even though he's okay at the moment, it's always: when is that time I'll need to be here all the time... so any funds we can get will help."

Myles said while MND New Zealand supported some equipment costs, more government support was needed to support those with MND and also to research for a cure.

"We went to social welfare and

we said if Helen looks after me full time, what do we get and for us, a family of four would have to live on \$700 per week, which wouldn't be enough.

"I just don't know how some families live with this diagnosis."

DETAILS: Hauraki North RFC, Waitakaruru, July 23: Swampfoxes vs North Harbour B, 12:30pm, Hauraki North Invitational XV vs Thames Valley Invitational XV, 2:30pm. Jersey and general auction, 6pm. Donations for Myles: givealittle.co.nz/cause/myles-macduff-mnd-awareness.



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Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

Speed limits reduced on Hauraki roads

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

A Hauraki Rd resident who feared the day a car would come crashing through her home has had her worries eased by the district council.

Glence Te Rore spoke to Hauraki District Councillors last week during hearings of its speed management plans.

She agreed with council's decision to reduce speed limits of some of its rural roads to 80kmh, including the length of Hauraki Rd, which runs between State Highway 25 and State Highway 2 via Turua.

According to council, that 14km stretch has the highest number of crashes for any road in the Hauraki district, with 67 crashes in the past 10 years, and seven people either killed or seriously injured.

Glence told councillors that in the seven years she has lived on a Hauraki Rd intersection, she has witnessed two serious accidents that resulted in cars crashing through her fence and into her yard.

"One of the accidents, a lady passed away.

"From what I've heard, she made a small error but because of the fast speed of the other vehicles, the result was huge," she said.

"I do have fear that vehicles will come into my house - hit

my dwelling - and the front rooms are bedrooms."

In her submission, Glence said she had considered building a concrete fence to protect her home; however, the best improvement for the road was for it to be widened, with a turning bay installed.

She also said steel barriers along the side of the road would help mitigate serious crashes.

"But the easiest way to prevent other vehicles coming into the yards of houses is for the speed limits to be reduced," she said.

Other submitters didn't think Hauraki Rd needed to have its 100kmh speed limit reduced, with one commenter saying he thought it was "one of the better and more safer roads to go 100 on".

Another said decreasing the speed limit would "add cost to travel times" while one more suggested lowering limits would be more dangerous than keeping the status quo.

Plains ward councillor Ray Broad suggested a compromise of sorts: reducing the speed limit of Hauraki Rd to 90kmh.

This was supported by Waihi councillors Sara Howell and Brian Gentil; however, the amendment failed to gain traction with other elected members and it was voted to



Hauraki Rd, which runs through Turua, will have its speed limit reduced to 80kmh. Photo: GORDON PREECE

reduce Hauraki Rd to 80kmh to the north and south of Turua township, where the speed will remain 50kmh.

Waitai Rd, just outside of Paeroa, was also reduced to 80kmh, while the residential zone of Pipiroa Rd in Ngātea was reduced from 70kmh to

50kmh. Thorn Rd and Waitete Rd North in Waihi had its speed limit reduced by half, from 100kmh to 50kmh, after concerns were raised by submitters.

Once the speed management plan has been updated and ap-

proved by council - expected at the end of the month - it will be uploaded into the National Speed Limit Register and council will provide a timeline for inception.



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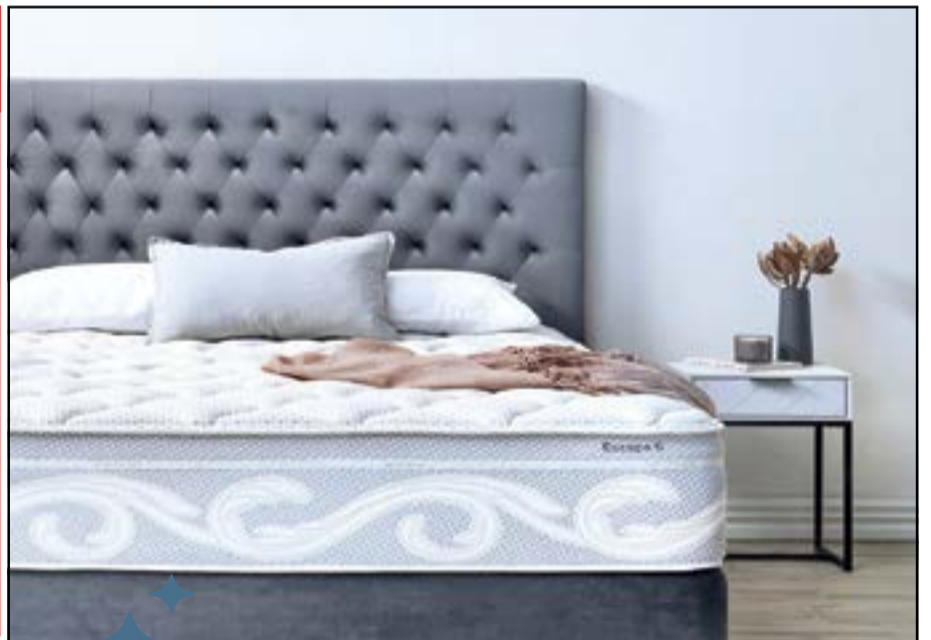
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B&B deemed 'unlawful'

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

A district council staffer, who was at one stage interim chief executive, will receive reimbursement from his landlords after a ruling by the Tenancy Tribunal declared the Kōpū property he was renting was unlawful.

Rex Capil, Thames-Coromandel District Council's former governance and strategy group manager, lived at Thorold Country House in Thames, between April 10, 2021 and December 17, 2021.

His contract was originally fixed term for a year, due to expire on April 10, 2022; however, the tribunal has heard that due to a change in personal circumstances, Mr Capil sought to end the tenancy early or seek assignment of the tenancy.

After attempts of assignment failed, an investigation into the lawfulness of the cottage as a separate household unit was conducted, and in January, 2022, Mr Capil gave two-days' notice to terminate the tenancy on the basis that the cottage was unlawful.

Thorold Country House is a bed and breakfast on the outskirts of Thames; a two-bedroom cottage immediately adjacent to the main dwelling on the property.

In her decision, tribunal adjudicator Hannah Cheeseman said correspondence from the council indicated there was no consent for the kitchen installed in the cottage, and that the original permit noted that the cottage was not going to be rented separately.

Mr Capil argued that the cottage was not permitted to be rented as a separate household unit, but owners Wendy Hinds and Gary Brunt said there was no evidence the cottage was unlawful.

According to TCDC, council has been

rating on a per-SUIP (separately used or inhabited part) basis since the Local Government Rating Act 2002 came into force.

A separately used or inhabited part of a rateable unit includes any part of the property inhabited or used by a person other than the owner, and who has the right to inhabit or use that part by virtue of a tenancy lease.

Cheeseman found that Mr Capil occupied the cottage as "a self-contained separate household unit", and by declaration, the premises was an unlawful residential premises.

The landlords must pay \$3500 in rent reimbursement to Mr Capil.

At the tribunal hearing in Thames District Court on July 12, Mr Capil - speaking via Audio-Visual Link from Invercargill - also told the adjudicator he was accused of using his position at the council "inappropriately" to gain information about Thorold House.

He said he was "taken into the boss' office and severely questioned" about his tenancy at Thorold House after an email was sent to TCDC from the owners in January, 2022.

The council paid one month's rent as part of Mr Capil's terms of employment, but was not party to the tenancy.

The Thorold House owners said they "didn't know which way to turn", and wrote to then-chief executive Rob Williams explaining they would no longer be accepting tenants from TCDC, due to the "shocking treatment" of them by the tenant.

"The only reason we were in this situation was because of Covid," Wendy Hinds said. "We're a B&B - 95 per cent-plus international - and we've had no guests since March 15, 2020, and that's why we agreed to have a year rent."

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One LOTR exhibition to rule them all

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

Despite never having sat through the 558 minutes of *The Lord of the Rings* movie franchise, 86-year-old Anna Vogels has spent the past 11 months painting Middle-earth.

It's true the Waihi soon-to-be great-great grandmother has no interest in watching the Peter Jackson-directed trilogy, nor is she familiar with the fictional world's comings and goings, yet she has depicted key scenes from the famous fantasy in a series of 40 paintings.

"Mum was running out of ideas through Covid, and I thought: why doesn't she do *The Lord of the Rings*, or something like that?" Anna's daughter Pauline Vogels told *The Profile*.

"Mum started off [painting] the Hobbit houses, and so me and my daughter printed pictures off the computer for her."

Using the photos as guides, Anna created paintings of Mordor and The Eye of Sauron, of Orcs and The Army of the Dead, of the Shire and of Gandalf, and the iconic portrait of Frodo and the One Ring.

Anna doesn't have a favourite piece, but admitted by the end of her work, she'd got a bit "sick" of depicting the epic storyline.

"They're all the same to me," she said with a laugh.



Anna Vogels, 86, stands by some of the 40 *The Lord of the Rings* paintings she created.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

The works are now in the gallery of the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum, where they will be on display for around a month.

Anna has always been creative. She and her husband John emigrated to New Zealand from Holland in 1967.

They used to own the Waitawheta Gardens, and John installed a kiln so Anna could fire her own pottery. She also

crocheted, knitted, and made crafts and sculptures.

John passed away in June, 2018, and since then, Pauline has helped keep her mother busy.

Over the years, Anna has painted portraits, landscapes, and buildings, and has made sculptures out of matchsticks and miniature bricks. Her *The Lord of the Rings* series started in April, 2021, and was

completed in March, 2022.

Each painting took around a week to complete, and all have a "3D-effect" and were made with a range of mixed media, including sand from Golden Bay.

To fuel her habit, Anna and Pauline had to buy a box of canvases from Sunny's in Paeroa, and there is still no stopping Anna and her passion for the arts.

Now, with her *The Lord of the Rings* series completed, it might be time for another epic series, she said - perhaps *Harry Potter*.

DETAILS: Anna's *The Lord of the Rings* paintings are now available to view at the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum, 54 Kenny St, Waihi.



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Parking time limits at a town near you

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

Where, and for how long, remains undecided, but one thing is certain: the countdown is on for parking time limits in Waihi and Paeroa.

While some submitters to Hauraki District Council's traffic and parking bylaw said the proposed two-hour time limit for the main shopping areas of Waihi and Paeroa would rid the towns of their "relaxed atmosphere", others called for the change.

And while staff will review the exact time limit - two hours, three hours, more, or less - and which streets they will extend to, elected members did decide to introduce the limits almost unanimously, with just Waihi councillor Brian Gentil opposing the limits in his ward.

In the proposed bylaw, the parking limits would be in place between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

No time limits were proposed for Ngātea.

Margaret Kaye, owner of Books on Seddon in Waihi, welcomed the two-hour parking suggestion for Seddon St, but asked for it to be extended on to the adjacent Haszard St.

"From where I am, I can see a reasonable section of Seddon St, and also Haszard St, and I know the same cars are parked in almost the same positions day af-



Paeroa's main street will see parking time limits, but exactly where and for how long is yet to be confirmed by Hauraki District Council.

File photo: KELLEY TANTAU

ter day for a portion of the day," she told councillors at the July 13 hearing.

"I also see cars driving round and round looking for a car park... we need to keep Waihi open for business and available for business, especially through winter - people shouldn't have to walk from the top of Haszard St."

Other submitters to the bylaw said one of the great differences of a small country town was the ability to park freely.

Another suggested two hours

would be too short.

"If a family comes to town to walk [the] mine pit... then wants to have lunch at a local café, then perhaps look around the local shops, this couldn't be achieved in a two-hour time frame," they said.

"The thing people come to small towns for is a relaxed atmosphere, not one of time limits in town when shopping, or eating out, and enjoying local activities. Otherwise, perhaps they will keep driving to Tauranga to the

malls, then everyone loses out."

According to council, between May, 2019, and May, 2022, it received four service requests regarding parking in Seddon St, Waihi, and two service requests about parking in Paeroa's main streets.

As well as this, councillors had received "numerous verbal complaints, particularly regarding Paeroa".



Dozens prep for quest

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

Members of the public are encouraged to attend in support of the 21 contestants of Goldfields' Got Talent contest, which started on Tuesday.

The contestants, who mostly hail from the Hauraki Plains and Thames areas, will be performing in heats between 11am to 1pm daily from July 19-21 through to finals night on July 22.

MC Warren Male said seven will perform over each of the three days, and three from each round - nine in total - will move on to the finals.

Mr Male said around 60-70 per cent of contestants would be showing off their vocal range, with singing as their chosen talent. Also on display will be dance routines and a cheerleading performance.

The talent quest will be held at Goldfields Mall in Thames, and organisers earlier said they were looking forward to providing the chance for young people to perform on stage before an audience.

Mr Male told *The Profile* that he would like to see crowds turn up to support the contestants - especially on finals night, this Friday, July 22 between 5pm-7pm.

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Cafe opens to support elderly community

By GORDON PREECE

An Age Concern initiative to bring elderly together is now available in Waihi.

Chinwag Cafe opened its doors at Waihi Community Resource Centre on July 1 for elders to mingle and enjoy a hot drink.

Age Concern Hauraki-Coromandel manager Glenis Bell told *The Profile* Chinwag Cafes had been available in Ngātea for around five years and Thames for around three years, so it was decided to establish one in Waihi after volunteers noticed many Waihi elders were experiencing loneliness.

“One of the services we run is called a visiting service and we have volunteers who go into people’s homes for a cup of tea and a chat, but you can’t put every older person into the same bucket,” she said.

“So Chinwag is another option for people, so they can choose which suits them best and it’s there really to address those who are feeling lonely.

“Loneliness is quite overpowering for some people, and if you live alone [Chinwag Cafe] could be the only time you get to talk to someone for the whole week, when you come and have a cup of tea and a chat.”

Glenis said a range of things



Around 15 elders attended the grand opening of Waihi’s Chinwag Cafe.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

could cause Waihi elders to experience loneliness.

“It can be that their partner has just died, or they’ve moved house and they’re new to Waihi, or their family has moved away for employment or schooling,” she said.

“Older adults tend to have a different terminology to

younger people... an older adult would very rarely admit to that terminology [of mental health].

“But they will admit to being lonely and the loneliness has got the same symptoms... so it is something that needs to be addressed.”

Glenis hoped the cafe could

also encourage elders to socialise again after disruptions caused by Covid-19.

“Some older adults are still reluctant to meet in groups and they like to keep themselves isolated because they think that’s what will keep them safe, and of course that compounds the loneliness.

“[Chinwag Cafe’s] encouraging them to come back out and encourage them to connect with people... to provide the safest environment they can to make them feel comfortable.”

DETAILS: Waihi’s Chinwag Cafe will be open every Friday from 10:30am at Waihi Community Resource Centre on Mueller St.

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Venluree Tauranga & Coromandel is locally owned by Jo and Dion, who work alongside their customers from start to finish to ensure the right product for every window.

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cellular blinds. Dion says, "We work with people updating a couple of rooms, those building as well as commercial clients. We typically provide in-home consultations which enables our customers to see and feel product in their own environment, and for those at the early stage of the building process, we can provide

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SPORTS

Ki o rahi and tapu ae tournament held for Matariki

A ki o rahi and tapu ae tournament was held at Paeroa College earlier this month to celebrate Matariki and for the district's students in years 5 to 8 to come together and enjoy the traditional Māori games. Reporter **GORDON PREECE** headed along to capture the action.



Netherton School year 7 pupil Reef Bradley leaps past a Hikutaia player.

Photos: GORDON PREECE



Hikutaia School year 8 Jacob Smith prepares to side step.



Paeroa Central's Hope Pokiha eyes up the target.



Hikutaia School year 7 Rylee Thorburn takes aim.



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Rural Life

Bull calves wanted after cancelled slinks

By GORDON PREECE

Farmers are being encouraged to sell reared and weaned bull calves to raise funds for Hikutaia School.

The call comes after the school's annual slink collection fundraiser was cancelled by Waitoa stock collection business Wallace Group due to issues with transport costs.

Slinks are young calves that die of natural causes, such as being stillborn or killed on-farm.

Principal Wayne Whitney told *The Profile* the cancelled slink collection was "no good" because the event normally raised between \$3500 to \$4000 for school projects.

"What happens is we gather a group together and go round the local farms in the Hikutaia area and [the slinks] go to a central spot just down Ferry Rd. From there, Wallace Group come over and pick them up and process them," he said.

"But sadly we got notification that won't be happening this year due to cost of transport and I imagine [cost of] fuel and resources.

"So our farmers are happy to find other means of disposing of the slinks and of course we miss out on the revenue."



Hikutaia School is calling for farmers to donate bull calves after one of the school's main fundraisers was cancelled.

File photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Wayne said the bull calf fundraiser was "a big ask" but hoped it would enable the school to recoup its funding and help with its swimming pool refurbishment, which will cost around \$7000.

"I've spoken to a few farmers who are parents of the school and some are quite happy to do it," he said.

"It's quite a generous fundraiser because it's about \$500 per bull calf [so] if we get 14

farmers who can help out that's \$7000 roughly."

Wayne said he hoped to refurbish the swimming pool before term four for the students to use and be open for the community over the summer holidays.

"It's in desperate need of a paint... we've had it down now for two summers and normally we'd sell keys for all our community to come and use the pool during summer," he said.

"We haven't been able to do that for the last couple of years from Covid as well.

"But we hope to get the pool back up and running early term four so we can swim in term four and have the pool back up and running over the summer for our community."

Wayne thanked PGG Wrightson's Dave Stuart for sponsoring the fundraiser alongside Allflex Tags, Paeroa Farm Source and the school's PTA (parent teacher association) for their ongoing support.

"We've got a very active PTA that run certain events throughout the year like the fishing comp and the motocross and they're quite successful fundraising events," he said.

"So we're very fortunate to have the supportive parents and we're just trying to re-establish that because Covid's knocked everything on the head.

"Without that support, these kids don't get the luxuries we're able to provide for them so it's huge, we're a fortunate school who has that backing."

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Rural Life

WRC coastal plan review criticised

By GORDON PREECE

Questions have been raised over Waikato Regional Council's handling of its coastal plan review.

The council is taking a fresh look at its coastal plan, which became operative in 2005, to take into account current issues, community aspirations, legislative changes and national and regional policy direction.

Council said a common theme raised by its iwi partners and stakeholders during the review preparations was the protection of indigenous biodiversity and historic heritage sites along the Waikato regions coastlines.

The feedback prompted council to identify and map these potential sites and it is now seeking public submissions on how they could be protected and restricted.

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson told *The Profile* the review worried him as one option being discussed was the establishment of marine reserves.

"I suspect that what is happening is they are using the environment court's decision which reviewed and confirmed the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's ability to create a marine reserve around the Astrolabe Reef," he said.

"Creation of marine reserves have always traditionally in terms of our statutory been the preserve of central government, that's why we have a Fisheries Act, [and] that's why we have a



The Waikato Regional Council map shows coastal areas identified as potential sites of indigenous biodiversity and historic heritage.

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Ministry of Fisheries.

"Marine reserves are always controversial and we all know the Hauraki Gulf in particular is deteriorating... so the health and state of the Gulf is a big issue but I don't think this is an area regional councils should get involved with."

Thames-Coromandel regional councillor Denis Tegg said central government's decision on marine reserves was a "complete

misunderstanding of the law".

"Under the RMA [Resource Management Act] and under the NZ Coastal Policy Statement and the decision of the Court of Appeal... regional councils now don't have a choice whether to ask the questions about whether there should be any marine protected areas," he said.

"It's not as if the council could say we have the ability to do this but we're simply not going to ask

the public whether it should happen, that's complete legal nonsense.

"The council must at least ask the question whether the public believe there should be any areas or not, and that's where we're at at the moment."

Mr Tegg said there were several ways to protect the identified areas in the council's review.

"They range from fully no take to something quite less than

that," he said.

"You could have a scenario where... you can't do any bottom impact fishing because you're impacting the marine biodiversity too much and therefore you can't use a dredge but it's okay for you to go out in your boat and put a rod over the side."

Submissions are open until the end of July before a full coastal plan draft is notified for public submission early next year.

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This is our Council's guide to what's involved in being an elected member and some of the larger issues we are facing, including the big ones of Climate Change, Three Waters (wastewater, stormwater and drinking water) reforms and the current ministerial review of local government.

These reforms and legislative changes are likely to result in significant changes to the current structures, functions and powers of local bodies, so this report is a great way to get up to speed.



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Thames: Monday 25 July, 9am – 12:30pm at the Jack McLean Community Recreation Centre in the multi-purpose room.

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Three Waters Reform

Find out what the Three Waters Reform means for the Coromandel

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The government's legislation on the Three Waters Reform is in the Select Committee process. This is now the opportunity for people to put in a submission on the government's reforms. Go to the parliament.nz website by 22 July to let the government know what you think about this important reform to the provision of water services.

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Two years in SPCA for Sam the Kelpie

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

The day Sam gets adopted will be the day a ticker-tape parade marches around the Thames SPCA.

The seven-year-old Kelpie-cross has now spent two years in the centre, and although he's become part of the furniture, manager Lisa Hancock says it's time for Sam to find his forever home.

"We sit here and scratch our heads because we don't know why he's still here. We've adopted dogs out of here that have way more baggage than what Sam comes with," Lisa tells *The Profile*.

"He just seems to get overlooked."

Sam requires a special hypoallergenic diet, and a property that has sturdy, high fences.

Other than that, Sam - who was a former pound dog after being abandoned by his owners - has "a crack-up personality", Lisa says.

"We reckon we should start a Tinder dating profile for him; do a bit of marketing... but when he leaves, we're going to have to have a morning tea for him; it'll be like a staff member is leaving."

Lisa says that while the centre does its best for every dog, the reality is - they are still living in a centre.

However, there is a miscon-



Sam, 7, has been in the Thames SPCA for two years after being abandoned by his owners. Photo: SUPPLIED

ception that dogs residing in a centre have a "shelf life" - which isn't true, she says.

"We commit to the animals to try to find them a home... and we're going to get there with Sam, I know we are."

The Thames centre is one of six SPCAs across the country offering a 50 per cent discount on dog adoptions during the

school holidays.

Running until July 24, the discount aims to relieve capacity issues at the centres, which Lisa says were being caused by "a perfect storm" of circumstances.

"Since Covid, anyone in the rescue business has been inundated with puppies and dogs. There are dogs that were

"We sit here and scratch our heads because we don't know why he's still here. We've adopted dogs out of here that have way more baggage than what Sam comes with."

- Lisa Hancock

adopted during Covid, and now people's financial situation has worsened, or they are back at work in the office, and the dogs are being surrendered," she says.

"It's the worst I've seen as far as dogs go since 2016 when I started here."

The Thames centre has nine internal kennels and all are full.

But Lisa says no matter the demand, all prospective families must apply and meet the criteria to adopt, including passing a property inspection.

If they are renting, they must supply their landlord's approval.

"It is a forever thing and there is financial commitment owning a pet," she says.

DETAILS: For more information about the discount, or to enquire about adopting, visit the Thames SPCA at 321 Ngati Maru Highway, or phone 07 868 6830.



Cottage's kitchen 'unlawful'

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"In the whole time, the eight months the tenant stayed at our property, he never, ever spoke to us about anything; he never discussed any problems with us," she said.

"We got to the stage where we wanted to let council know we wouldn't take any more tenants because of the situation."

However, Cheeseman said the email to Mr Capil's employer was "serious" and caused "embarrassment" to the tenant. She said it was a breach in privacy and ordered the landlords to pay an additional \$1500 to Mr Capil.

"It's something that is very regrettable, that it's even come to being here, and we in future need to read papers a bit more thoroughly because we didn't understand," Wendy said.

"But we won't be able to rent [the cottage] out anyway, so we've lost our business, basically."

Cheeseman said the couple "unfortunately" joined a long line of landlords who had purchased properties that were later found to be unlawful.

In total, Thorold Country House must pay Mr Capil \$5020.44. In May, Mr Capil tendered his resignation from TCDC.



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SPORTS



Senior A player Juston Vaimalu heads for the try-line despite strong opposition from COBRAs. Photos: TERESA RAMSEY

Double win

Thames Rugby & Sports Club dominated the Valley club finals on Saturday, taking home both Senior A and Senior B trophies in an exciting afternoon of play in perfect conditions. Despite a home advantage for COBRAs at Boyd Park, Te Aroha, Thames Senior A took home the McClinchy Cup in a fast-paced and physical match that went into overtime thanks to a 32-all draw at the full time whistle. COBRAs scored a penalty kick in the first half of over-time, but the Thames side fought back in the second half, digging deep to score an impressive try off the back of a scrum. A final penalty clinched a 40-35 win for Thames in the 100-minute game in front

of a large crowd of supporters. Tries were scored by: Tui Toai-Key, Laulea Ma'u, Juston Vaimalu, Ryan Leopold and Richard Judd; with Jarrod Goodall kicking three conversions and three penalties.

Meanwhile, Thames Senior B took home the Lawrence Memorial Cup for the second year running after a close match against Mercury Bay. Thames led most of the game until near the end when the Bay edged ahead, before Thames came back in style with a 24-17 win. Tries were scored by Dalton Broughton and Mitch Murphy, and Knox Rangitahi kicked one conversion and four penalties.

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A Thames Senior B player looks for support.



Dwayne Hughes receives a hard tackle.



Senior A's Ryan Leopold.



Thames Senior B celebrate winning the the Lawrence Memorial Cup.



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SPORTS



Senior A's Sione Toa pushes through COBRAs defence.



Laulea Ma'u scores a try for Thames Senior A.

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Senior A players prepare for a scrum.



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The Valley Profile

Meteor appears over Thames



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.

1871

The extraordinary appearance of a meteor astonished a man walking on the beach at Shortland around 8.30 one evening.

The night was cloudy and the moon partly covered. The falling star resembled a bar of heated iron, wedge shaped, about 15 feet long. At its base it appeared red hot, and this colour gradually darkened towards that of a bar of iron immersed in water.

It traversed the heavens from north to south until it sank from view a short distance beyond the telegraph turrets at the mouth of the Piako River.

It was visible for about half a minute and on its transit occasionally buried itself in the dark cloud before reappearing in bold relief against patches of clear sky.

The sight was magnificent in the extreme. Once it vanished, the clouds cleared away and the moon shone forth in a double brilliancy.

The stunning sight was also witnessed by many who were taking their after-church walk and gave rise to expressions



Grahamstown, Thames, in the 1870s.

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of wonder and amazement. The spot where it disappeared was in the swampy ground between the Piako River and the main land at Miranda. It would be impossible to find, even if the spot where it fell could be discovered. Local Māori said that such an appearance was a sure indication of approaching war and as it had gone in the direction of Piako, that war would be in the Waikato.

Specimens of coal from Miranda were brought over to Grahamstown by Mr Foot of Bridgewater farm, which was about eight miles from the sea. He had been prospecting and sinking holes on a coal seam on his property for about 2.5 miles.

He came to an immense body of coal and brought to Thames over half a ton to exhibit. Some large blocks could be seen at Mr William's office, Brown St, and several bags full at Mr Unthank's in Coromandel St. Some of the coal when tested proved to be very good. If it continued to show promise, the value of the find

would be incalculable as with a failing supply from the Bay of Islands, another coal field was needed.

At Tapu, many white and red cornelians - a reddish type of quartz, and other pretty stones were scattered about the sea-shore. These gems, properly mounted, were becoming somewhat fashionable in Auckland. They were purchased by Mr Lewisson for that purpose, and Tapu residents were advised to bear this in mind during their walks on the beach.

Also at Tapu, a bullock in an ebriated state, having eaten some potent native plant, went rolling down a mining shoot around 80 feet high, and landed on the floor of Mr Buckland's machine, to the great consternation of the man working there.

After a walk round the floor the bull went out and fell into a deep hole at the end of the building, but on recovering its legs again it ran down the creek like a shot, evidently none the worse for wear.

Tegg to seek re-election for WRC

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

Coromandel's representative on Waikato Regional Council is seeking another three years to build on the "great momentum" of his first term, he said.

Denis Tegg was elected on to the regional council in 2019, and said he had learned that it was "essential" to work collaboratively with other councillors and staff; remembering that he was just one of 14 councillors voted in to make a positive change.

"As the Thames-Coromandel representative on regional council for the last three years, I have had a significant influence on the council's actions on rates affordability, improved water quality and public transport, economic development, climate change and the overall wellbeing of our communities.

"This is great momentum," he said, "but there is so much more I wish to achieve for our communities."

Mr Tegg told *The Profile* Thames has been his home for 48 years. He was a law professional for 45 of those years and said he worked "tirelessly" to create a better future for ensuing generations.

If successful at this year's local body elections - voting day is on October 8 - Mr Tegg said his key goals for the next term was establishing a public transport link between and within most towns, and expanding the council's leader-



Denis Tegg

ship on how to reduce emissions. "I ask the hard questions, hold agencies and officials to account, and determinedly pursue practical solutions," he said.

"In the last three years, Thames-Coromandel has received larger economic development grants than any other part of the region."

According to Mr Tegg, \$200,000 was granted towards the purchase of New Chums Beach headland, near Whangapoua, while \$2 million was granted for the development of the Sugarloaf Wharf at Coromandel Town.

On climate action, the council has led the way by achieving a 45 per cent reduction in its own emissions, and through the expert guidance it provides to other councils and the public on flood hazards, drought, sea-level rise, and other climate change risks.

DETAILS: Candidate nominations for local body elections are now open. More info at: vote.nz.



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SPORTS

Lions serve up table tennis at Goldfields

By GORDON PREECE

A new table tennis area put together by Thames Lions Club for its final community project has roared into action at Goldfields Shopping Centre.

Dubbed the Lions Den, the area has three high quality table tennis tables purchased using some of Thames Lions Club's final funds and will be open for the community seven days a week.

The space also features a community piano, which had been donated to Thames Lions by Thames piano teacher Sharyn Clark.

Thames Lions Club president Mike Furey told *The Profile* even though the organisation disbanded at the end of May after it couldn't attract enough new members, the Lions Den was always planned.

"It's designed to be a community centre, we've done the fundraising but the Lions are giving it back and hopefully putting it into something for everyone to use," he said.

"[Table tennis is] a wonderful sport for all ages, you can make lots of friends, it's a very sociable sport, it's a form of fitness, [it's] good for developing co-ordination and it's a lot of fun."

Mike said people wanting to play table tennis at the Lions Den would need to bring their own bats and balls and urged the community to respect the space.

"I really want people to realise the Lions [have] put very good

quality tables in there and we want people to really respect the area because if they get vandalised we won't be able to replace them," he said.

Mike said the table tennis tables cost \$850 each.

A grand opening was held for the Lions Den on July 7 with a speech from Mike, and table tennis demonstrations by Table Tennis New Zealand players Leo Mamedov and Gina Liu.

The players held coaching sessions for students from Moanataiari, Pārāwai and St Francis schools throughout the morning before coaching table tennis at Thames High School.

Thames South School students were coached by Mike at the Lions Den on July 8 and each primary school student was given a table tennis bat and two balls courtesy of Stirling Sports.

Goldfields Shopping Centre manager John Freer told *The Profile* he decided to give Thames Lions Club the former Covid-19 Vaccination Centre space for free because it was empty and would be a "good idea" for kids activities.

"I thought let's give it a go... It's providing some activity and community involvement at the centre so it's quite an exciting little opportunity," he said.

However, Mr Freer said it was possible the Lions Den might only be temporary as it was one of three spaces in Goldfields he was looking to lease and would need to prioritise tenants.



Table Tennis New Zealand players Gina Liu and Leo Mamedov demonstrate their skills to primary school kids.

Mike said if that happened, the table tennis tables would shift to another empty space in Goldfields or be donated to local schools as a last resort.

"I would like to highlight the fact that [the Lions Den] is for the general public, but we need to look after it as an opportunity because it may not last... so we need people to really respect it," he said.

RIGHT: Thames Lions Club's Mike Furey, left, Luis Velocci and Dennis Karl outside Lions Den. Photos: GORDON PREECE



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SPORTS

Magic family day in Ngātea

Hauraki Plains Netball Centre hosted a family fun netball night on July 6 with plenty of on-court action. More than a dozen teams of primary school players from around the Hauraki competed with friends and family. Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic player Oceane Maihi also attended for photos with kids and their parents. Reporter **GORDON PREECE** took centre court to capture the action.



Players queue for a shoot out.



Magic player Oceane Maihi with some fans.



Paige Linton looks to pass.



Milla Irving calls for open players.



Ruby Gibbs looks up after shooting for goal.



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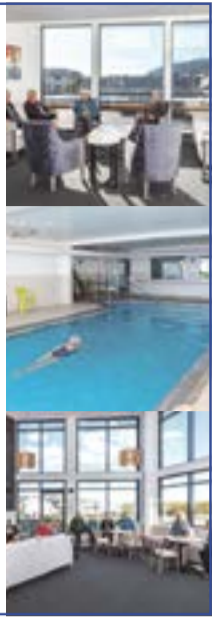


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EASY

JUMBO CROSSWORD 79

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hot-water burn (5)
 - 4 Too honest to indulge in wrongdoing (5,9)
 - 11 Damp (5)
 - 14 Overly eager speed (5)
 - 15 Doctor's instrument (11)
 - 16 Last work or act before retirement (8)
 - 19 Distinguished musician (7)
 - 20 Barrister's instructions (5)
 - 21 Bride's collection (9)
 - 24 Gut (9)
 - 26 Infrequently (6)
 - 27 Large serving dish (6)
 - 31 Tranquillity (5)
 - 32 Hat maker, seller (8)
 - 34 Not pertinent to the matter at hand (10)
 - 37 Tree (3)
 - 39 Fortified white wine (7)
 - 40 Handwriting (6)
 - 41 Mar (6)
 - 42 Planet (4)
 - 43 Communication (7)
 - 46 Theory (10)
 - 51 Tongs (7)
 - 55 Cat's lives (4)
 - 56 Colony of rabbits (6)
 - 57 Ban (6)
 - 58 Business tycoon (7)
 - 60 Fuel (3)
 - 62 Takes into custody (10)
 - 63 Egg dish (8)
 - 64 Trainee (5)
 - 67 Culpable (6)
 - 68 Caress (6)
 - 69 Extra (9)
 - 74 Dry (9)
 - 75 Short crowbar (5)
 - 76 Concert by a soloist (7)
 - 81 Insolvent (8)
 - 82 Magician's chant (11)
 - 83 Concur (5)
 - 84 Hardy fabric (5)
 - 85 Favourite person, one who is loved best (5,2,4,3)
 - 86 Get to one's feet (5)
- DOWN**
- 2 Man's neckwear (6)
 - 3 Water lily (5)
 - 5 Pieces (4)
 - 6 Old hand (7)
 - 7 Digging tool (6)
 - 8 Unwell (4)
 - 9 Endangers (8)
 - 10 Most recent (6)
 - 11 Very small bottles of spirits (10)
 - 12 Fe, a metal (4)
 - 13 Increase tension (7)
 - 17 Multiply (5)
 - 18 Signs for admirer (10)
 - 22 Narrow band (5)
 - 23 Split up (8)
 - 25 Core (7)
 - 26 Prison term (7)
 - 28 Act properly (6)
 - 29 Blue dye (6)
 - 30 Alleviation (6)
 - 33 Fortunate (5)
 - 35 Jobs (5)
 - 36 Ship's prison (4)
 - 38 Be too late for (4)
 - 43 Craze (5)
 - 44 Brief general summary (8)
 - 45 Tooth covering (6)
 - 46 Genetic (10)
 - 47 Stink (4)
 - 48 Pair (7)
 - 49 Dish before main course (6)
 - 50 Fatuous (5)
 - 52 Elliptical (4)
 - 53 Man-horse creature (7)
 - 54 Golf club (6)
 - 59 Bowl-shaped percussion instrument (10)
 - 61 Direct (5)
 - 65 Able to be carried (8)
 - 66 Basketry willow (5)
 - 67 Retire (2,2,3)
 - 70 Direction-finder (7)
 - 71 Short-sightedness (6)
 - 72 Keep (6)
 - 73 Public house (6)
 - 77 Cast metal bar (5)
 - 78 Shortly (4)
 - 79 Young cow (4)
 - 80 Military force (4)

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Bend over backwards, 10 Merchant, 15 Repast, 16 Chatterbox, 17 Premiere, 19 Perform, 21 Adult, 22 Altimeter, 25 Acetylene, 27 Kidnaps, 29 Octave, 33 Front, 34 Tailings, 36 Salamander, 39 Use, 41 Careful, 42 Danger, 43 Rookie, 44 Icon, 45 Phantom, 48 Fastidious, 53 Glimpse, 57 Oral, 58 Garter, 59 Pacify, 60 Fairway, 62 IOU, 64 Get married, 65 Limiting, 66 Minus, 69 Prison, 70 Shrivel, 71 Eccentric, 76 Envelopes, 77 Aorta, 78 Initial, 83 Explicit, 84 Sauerkraut, 85 Haggis, 86 Disperse, 87 Beat a hasty retreat.

DOWN: 2 Evened, 3 Dwarf, 4 Vat, 5 Rice, 6 Aladdin, 7 Kettle, 8 Acre, 9 Doodling, 11 Earned, 12 Commercial, 13 Abet, 14 Theatre, 18 Diaphanous, 20 Rate, 23 Pleat, 24 Handicap, 26 Canteen, 28 Insured, 30 Preach, 31 Knight, 32 Fading, 35 Llama, 37 Rinse, 38 Ludo, 40 Ergo, 45 Prong, 46 Abattoir, 47 Meagre, 48 Fatherhood, 49 Sari, 50 Impulse, 51 Income, 52 Unfit, 54 Lead, 55 Martini, 56 Statue, 61 Mayonnaise, 63 Inset, 67 Liberate, 68 Stun, 69 Pretend, 72 Cutlass, 73 Genius, 74 Hookah, 75 Marina, 79 Tiger, 80 Opus, 81 Bent, 82 Stay, 85 Hoe.

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**Hauraki District Council
Meetings in August 2022**

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of August 2022 in the Council Chamber, William Street, Paeroa unless otherwise stated.

District Plan Committee
Private Plan Change 5 - Paeroa Race Course
Monday, 1 August 2022, 9.30am

District Licensing Committee
Applications for Managers Certification
Monday, 8 August 2022, 9.00am

Audit and Risk Committee
Tuesday, 16 August 2022, 9.00am

Council Meeting
Wednesday, 17 August 2022, 9.00am

Hearings and Judicial Committee
Monday, 22 August 2022, 9.00am (if required)

Emergency Management Committee
Monday, 22 August 2022, 1.00pm

Manaaki Toiora Committee
Tuesday, 30 August 2022, 9.00am

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ENTERTAINMENT

Te Aroha Singers to perform free concert

The Te Aroha Singers Community Choir conducted by John Mullon will entertain this Friday in a free concert hosted by Thames Music Group.

The choir comprises singers through a range of ages currently from 15 to 90 years, and with a range of singing experience from highly experienced choral singers to newcomers enjoying the experience of singing in a friendly and encouraging environment.

Established in 2013 by director John Mullon, the non-auditioned choir performs a range of vocal works from around the world and throughout the ages.

This includes popular songs, jazz influenced arrangements, folk songs, world music and musical theatre.

Choir members love to perform to audiences and as

well as attending community events, they endeavour to put on two shows per year of their own.

Thames Music Group will also host two groups in August who are new to Thames and Coromandel audiences.

This includes the Sounds of the Shore Chorus with award winning director Richard Harker on August 7; and the Block of Flats Barbershop Quartet on August 26.

Both concerts will be hosted at St Georges Church in Thames.

DETAILS: Te Aroha Singers Community Choir, free Friday lunchtime concert on July 22 at 12.15pm at St Georges Church. Face Masks must be worn. Enjoy hot soup and a bun for \$5 after the concert. More information online at: www.thamesmusic-group.com.



Around 41 Red Hat ladies from Thames, Hamilton, Tauranga and Pukekohe met at Paeroa RSA on July 1 for a lovely luncheon. The event was hosted by Thames's Red Hat group, called the Ruby Redz, and included 15 raffles and singalongs. Local pianist Valerie Homan and a clarinetist from the Kerepehi Brass Band also performed on the day.

Business Bites breakfast meetings return

New or existing business owners can learn more about dealing with common employment issues from a legal expert when LoveHauraki presents its Business Bites Online session on July 26, from 7:15am to 8:30am via Zoom.

The free event, called HR Matters and Mishaps, heralds the return of Business Bites breakfast talks, hosted by LoveHauraki, a Hauraki District Council initiative.

Council Manaaki Toiora chair Anne Marie Spicer said the online event would be valuable for anyone currently employing or thinking of employing staff, particularly in such a tight labour market.

"We're lucky to have as our guest expert, Michelle Urquhart, a Tompkins Wake Associate and specialist in Employment and Immigration Law," she said.

"Michelle is the first of the high calibre experts on offer to our business community from LoveHauraki this year, and we know that what she has to



Michelle Urquhart

share will be invaluable."

Michelle will be answering questions on general human resources (HR) issues and common employer situations that can be hard to navigate.

To be sure to get the most out of the session, attendees can email their questions in advance to lovehauraki@hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

For Michelle, getting the employment relationship right starts at the very beginning of the hiring process.

"Prospective employees can be picky about who they work

for at the moment. Employers need to be on top of their game to have the best chance of attracting the right people. Preparation is the best approach, so I'll be talking about that during this event," she said.

Michelle is an associate of the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand and an appointed member of the Mediation Panel. She acts as a mediator in a wide range of HR, civil and commercial disputes and is also a guest lecturer and assessor at Te Piringa Law Faculty of Waikato University.

LoveHauraki was formed in March 2020 to support businesses through Covid-19 and has continued to be the public face of business support provided by council. Businesses can sign up for updates and direct event invites to business events by registering at lovehauraki.co.nz.

DETAILS: Local businesses are invited to register for this free online event at: events.humanitix.com/business-bites-hr-matters-and-mishaps.



The Te Aroha Singers Community Choir will perform at St George's in Thames on Friday. Photo: SUPPLIED



Tidy up your children's minds

By Christine Forster

Every parent has a duty as even-

ing falls each day
To tidy up their children's minds
and file each fear away.
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of the daily incidents in life
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all these fears.
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Throughout many years.
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For as boy turns into man
The inclination to share his fears
Will grow (in spite of all his peers)
... And he will thank you in the
end.
So do 'Bring Up' your children.
Don't leave them to 'come up' on
their own.
As future thoughts that occupy
each head

Will grow from the seeds you've
sown!
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SPORTS



Ayisha Hull, left, with her North Island women's team mates, Caitlin Reed and Yvonne Kur.

Photo: SUPPLIED

National clay target title for Hauraki shooter

By GORDON PREECE

Ayisha Hull has shot her way to winning a national clay target shooting competition with the North Island women's team.

Co-captain Ayisha and her team took out the North vs South section of the New Zealand Clay Target Association

Down The Line Nationals held in Canterbury in June after beating the South Islanders by 14 target shots.

The Hauraki Plains College student told *The Profile* winning the New Zealand title alongside two of the North Island's top female shooters

was "pretty amazing." "I was pretty stoked about it, it's pretty hard to make the top team [and] there's a lot of travelling and a lot of money, events... ammunition and firearms," she said.

"The North Island team hasn't won in years because the South Island team has

olympic medalist Natalie Rooney... so it's a bit of a big deal to win against an olympian. It's definitely not something that happens everyday."

Ayisha, who has been shooting for around four years, said mental toughness was a great aspect for any shooter.

"You can be as technically

able as you want but you gotta be able to control the voice in your head because when it comes down to the wire it's all mental sport and it's all about focus and not letting the nerves get to you."

Ayisha said she now aimed to qualify for the New Zealand women's team in November.

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