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Mall manager injured after 'king hit'

By GORDON PREECE

A"big king-hit from behind" has left John Freer shaken and badly bruised after being attacked at Goldfields Shopping Centre on Friday.

The Goldfields Mall manager and Thames-Coromandel mayoral candidate told *The Profile* the attack happened at around 3:40pm after he'd told a group of boys, who were possibly teenagers, not to ride their bikes and skateboards inside the centre.

"There were two adults playing table tennis [in the table tennis area] and there were some kids in there too and they were riding their bike and their skateboard around," he said.

"The two adults came and asked me if I could go and have a talk with them, which I did, and the abuse I got back was unbelievable so I asked them to leave."

One of the boys then started to ride his bike to the exit and was told by Mr Freer he needed to walk it instead.

"Then the next kid jumped on the skateboard flying past me and fell off his skateboard so I picked the skateboard up and said 'I'm going to



John Freer

confiscate the skateboard'.

"He said 'it's not mine' and I said 'you tell whoever owns it to come and get it from my office'."

Mr Freer then walked back to his office and unbeknown to him, he was being followed, and was "thumped" with a "big king hit from behind".

"There were three punches and then they kicked me and then I managed to turn around and grab the individual. At this stage, there were about six others [in the group] who had arrived on the scene," he said.

"I then had to get them and everybody else back into the forecourt area, which I managed to do... then I got some assistance from some nice people in the shopping centre. At that point we

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The Vintage and Classic Car Swap Meet is planned for Railway St, Paeroa, this year instead of Wharf St. File Photo: SUPPLIED

Car show set to return

By GORDON PREECE

Rotary Paeroa's Vintage and Classic Car Swap Meet will rev up in September after two years of Covid-19 roadblocks.

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President Margarete Ford
told *The Profile* the organisation was "excited" to welcome
back the time-honoured fundraiser and hoped it would be as
successful as previous years.

"Like anything we're a service organisation where we try and make as much money as we can to give back to the community, so we've suffered with all our events being cancelled over the last couple of years," she said.

"It's mainly to bring people to Paeroa, that was our main intention and it's a fun day out"

Margarete said this year's fundraiser would be held at

the grounds at the end of Railway St instead of the traditional location on Wharf St, due to Hauraki District Council's streetscape project and the "very high" cost of road closures. "They're beautiful grounds so it's still close to town for people to come and go," she said.

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"But it's just that little bit out of town, which is a bit disappointing for us because we love the idea of it around Wharf St where they can just walk to the shops."

Margarete said as well as the traditional swap meet and car displays, there'll also be food stalls, kids activities and live entertainment. Funds raised from the event will go toward community projects.

DETAILS: Railway St, Paeroa,

DETAILS: Railway St, Paeroa, September 17. Swap meet from 7am, all cars parked by 10am.

Good Fishing

Fair Fishing

Assault at Goldfields Mall

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called Police."

Mr Freer said the attackers left the shopping centre and Police arrived soon after and reviewed the CCTV footage.

As well as sustaining a swollen and bruised ear from the king-hit, Mr Freer also sustained cuts to his face and was experiencing back pain.

"I'm not going to hide the fact that mentally I'm feeling challenged... I know I'm going to carry this for quite some time," he said.

"I can't believe that a young kid wants to belt a guy who's 60 years of age, it just doesn't make sense."

Mr Freer said the community needed to come together and find solutions to prevent similar events.

"I'm a real community-based person and I've watched over the last two weeks the negative impact this type of behaviour is having," he said.

"We've had some issues

"We've had some issues over the school holidays and have asked some people to leave because they have been disturbing other shoppers in the centre and also the shop staff.

"We've got to make sure the staff, the tenants, the shop owners and the customers feel safe and it's not just at Goldfields, it's the whole of Thames."

Police said they were called to Goldfields after reports of an assault just after 3pm on July 22 and enquiries were ongoing to identify those involved.

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CORNES PADDOCK

Reserve is the missing word in the *Valley Profile* article *Car Park Confirmed for Cornes Paddock* (July 13). This is a critical omission. The Hauraki District Council is planning to pave a large area on this recreational reserve.

The Karangahake community is distressed. The council's rational is safety. Paving the dedicated reserve does not ease the one way bridge traffic off Highway 2. Directing families up the narrow

Crown Hill road with no safe pedestrian or disability access to park on a recreational reserve is a knee jerk solution to vehicle congestion in the Karangahake Gorge. Council's plan to pave this reserve contravenes the Reserve Act protections. Cornes Paddock Reserve is a valued green space to be conserved.

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Hauraki District Council was offered right of reply but declined.





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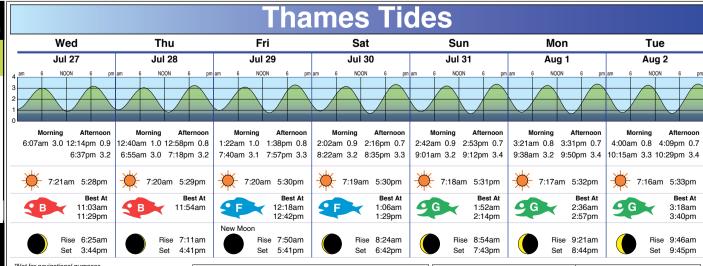


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Not So Good

Vaka ama takes Hauraki wāhine to UK

CLUB PROFILE

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

group of Hauraki women Awho compete in the fastest growing sport in New Zealand have achieved a first for their club and have made their district "proud".

Gillian Tata-Henry, Vicki Farr, Verity Thom, Merrin Sutherland, Susan Lean, Jane Broughton, and Suegnet

Toweel are the seven wähine toa from Hauraki Waka Ama Club set to com-World Sprints Championships in August.

The women will be leaving their hometowns of Turua, Waihī Beach, and Paeroa to jet across to London, and have been busy raising the \$35,000 needed to get them there.

Their success has been "surreal", but for the seven 'Whaitere Gold' women - all in their 60s - waka ama has become a clear passion.

"A lot of people thought [the sport] had faded out, but now they're seeing how much it's coming back into mainstream," the club's travel manager Theaura Murcott-Istead told The Profile.

they've never seen it in person, and once you explain the different seats and the roles that each seat has, everyone learns it's way more than just sitting in a boat and paddling.

According to a Sport New Zealand case study from 2020, waka ama was "on a growth trajectory" and now attracted crowds of up to 10,000 people.

When Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ),

66A lot of people

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formed in 1987 and was awarded hosting rights for had faded out, but now the 1990 World pete in the 2022 they're seeing how much Sprint Championships, there were no outrigger canoes - Theaura Murcott-Istead (waka ama) in the country.

Flash forward to 2019, and the 30th annual sprint championships on Lake Karāpiro attracted more than 1700 teams from 61 clubs.

Hauraki Waka Ama has seen the same kind of tupu (growth). Six years ago, the club was "manageably small" and based in Paeroa. Since its expansion to Waihi Beach they train at Bowentown - it has attracted more paddlers across all ages.

Merrin Sutherland, one of the club's longest-standing members with 10 years in the



The Whaitere Gold crew are amazed by the support given to them by the community.

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waka, said it was a sport she could participate in that didn't put too much strain on her body.

"I had a knee replacement in 2010, and couldn't do my netball and my touch rugby anymore. We had a teacher-only day at the local marae

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RIGHT: Gillian Tata-Henry will be racing in the 500m straight.





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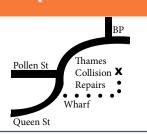
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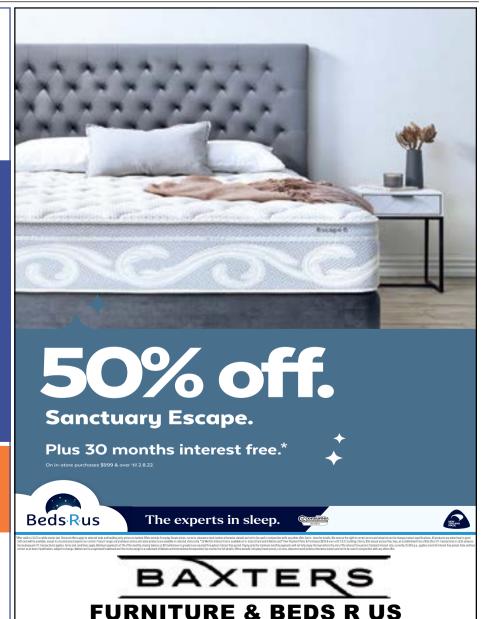
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The crew trains in Bowentown, just outside of Waihī Beach.

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and Larn Wilkinson gave us all a chance to go in the waka... so that's how I started," she said.

The other crew members said they were instantly enthralled by "the power" of the boat.

But the growth of the sport all came down to "teamwork", Vicki Farr said.

"I was always a water baby and kayaked a lot. I was living at Bowentown and I used to go out paddling and I would see these guys going out in the waka, and I thought: that looks like fun," she said.

"It was the fact that you could do it as a group of people... and being all together is so cool and I totally got hooked."

Back in May, Hauraki District Council awarded a grant of \$1500 to help get the club to London, with Mayor Toby Ad-

ams also providing a financial contribution directly from his Mayoral fund.

He said the decision was a "proud" moment for him as Mayor.

The Whaitere Gold crew said they were amazed by the support given to them by the community. While training with accomplished waka ama coach Corinna Gage, they have also been selling raffles to raise the much-needed travel funds.

But because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Gillian and her team initially grappled with: will we go, won't we go?

"It was a matter of: I don't know if I'll be going, and then, when it came down to it, it was: right, we're in, I'm going," she said.

The journey to qualify started around 18 months ago, and the voyage saw them podium for



Gillian Tata-Henry, left, Vicki Farr, Verity Thom, Merrin Sutherland, Susan Lean, Jane Broughton and Suegnet Toweel are off to London.

Photos: SUP

the first time at the qualifiers. The team then placed third in nationals.

The IVF Va'a World Sprint Club Championships will be held in London from August 7-August 16. Whaitere Gold will be racing in three different categories: A crew of six racing in the 500m straight and 1000m turns; a crew of 12 racing in the 500m straight (mixed with another club); and a single elite paddler (Gillian Tata-Henry) racing in the 500m straight.

The club is planning on hosting an Open Day in March,





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Talent on show

Nine performers took to the stage for the Goldfield's Got Talent finals on July 22. The event, held by Goldfields Shopping Centre with support from CFM Coromandel and *The Valley Profile*, featured singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Twelve-year-old Thames performer Isla May won the competition with her rendition of Chris Stapleton's *Tennessee Whiskey* on the violin and won \$500 worth of shopping vouchers. Isla, who has played violin for just over five years, told The Profile she was "very excited" and "very happy" she won and loved performing and taking part in the competition. "I performed *Rolling in the Deep* by Adele for the heats and I decided on *Tennessee Whiskey* because it's got lots of twiddly bits and stuff," she said. Reporter **GORDON PREECE** headed along for a front row seat.



Winner Isla May is presented with her prize.



Kyntala Pakinga-Ainsley, 14, passionately performs Never Enough from The Greatest Showman



ren-year-old Rillanya Maria-Rojo entertains with her hip-hop performance.



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ynamite explosion proves fatal



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

The dynamite was frozen too hard for John Adamson of Netherton to light it on a cold July morning in 1896.

Rooting out tree stumps to clear his farm was a challenging job; removing the bigger tree stumps sometimes needed the force of dynamite. Around 8.30am John brought four plugs of dynamite into the kitchen, laid them on a shovel and held them over the fire to soften. His wife Christina and 15-year-old daughter Louisa were close by him. Suddenly the dynamite exploded, the shock of it passing miraculously over Mrs Adamson, but severely injuring John and badly wounding Louisa.

Once the smoke and disorientation had cleared Mrs Adamson sought help from her son Frederick and a neighbour, John Mc-Donald. Her husband and daughter were placed on board the paddle steamer Pātiki and taken by river to Thames. At the hospital Dr Williams found it imperative to remove John's leg, which was done with the assistance of Drs Pavne and Callan.



Both John and Louisa had survived but it was hard to say how they would fare. Great sympathy was felt for the family, as they were very industrious people, and

highly respected.

John Adamson had married Christina Smith in 1873 and during the ensuing years they lived at the Hauraki Sawmill on the Waihou River at Turua where John worked. They had five children but they some did not aug. dren but two sons did not survive beyond a few days. In 1882 the family moved to Mill Road, Paeroa, near Gibbon's sawmill and the next year their last daughter was born. They settled at the Netherton farm in 1887. John Adamson was instrumental in establishing the school at Netherton, where there were nine houses and fifteen school age children. The family all worked very hard on the property which was known as Penrose Farm.

The accident to John Adamson was not an isolated incident, there were numerous instances of explosions caused by thawing dynamite cartridges - baking, boiling and toasting being favour-ite methods. Despite the efforts of doctors and nurses at Thames Hospital, John Adamson, aged

53, succumbed to his injuries. He was buried at Shortland cemetery, Thames.

Louisa survived and spent a long time in Thames Hospital. When she recovered, despite having a hole in her hip, she carried mail on horseback three times a week between Netherton and Paeroa. In 1907 she and her sister Emily married two Innis brothers in a double wedding at Penrose Farm. Both brides looked bewitching, gowned alike in white silk dresses

Louisa and Frank Innis farmed at Komata for 19 years before moving to Paeroa. They had three daughters, including a set of twins, but tragically lost a four year old daughter in 1915. Adversity again struck with the death of one twin in adulthood, resulting in the surviving twin adopting the twins of

her late sister.
By 1965, Louisa had lived at Nahum Street, Paeroa for 40 years. Although almost blind she still cooked meals and knitted for sufferers of leprosy. Ten years later she was the oldest ex-pupil to attend the centenary of the Paeroa School. Louisa died in 1976, aged 95, and was buried at Omahu cemetery with Frank who had died in 1967.



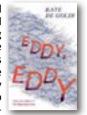
AGAIN, RACHEL, by Marian Keyes

As the title suggests, Irish author Marian Keyes returns to previous character Rachel's life, 20 years after the close of her bestselling book Rachel's Holiday. Back in the long ago nineties, Rachel Walsh was a mess, but a spell in rehab transformed everything. Life became very good, very quickly. These days Rachel has love, family, a great job as an addiction counsellor, she even gardens. But with the sudden reappearance of a man she'd once loved, her life

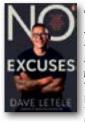
wobbles. Throughout the story Keyes covers a wide range of human emotions and frailties with typical sensitivity and insight. Highly recommended.

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creasingly noisy interior world, he moves closer and closer to an overdue personal reckoning. Eddy, Eddy is a richly layered novel, deftly written with humour and pathos: a love story peopled with flawed and comical characters. A welcome return.



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Waihī East students tuck into the delicious kai.





The hāngi process steams up in Waihī.



Students and staff dish up kai to the school community.



The school community helped prepare the traditional hangi feast over many hours, from setting the fire to preparing the kai and laying it down to cook.

In Brief

DRIVE-IN CINEMA

Thames High School's First XI football team is hosting a drive-in movie fundraiser to help get them to the national tournament week in August. The movies showcased will be How to Train Your Dragon, starting at 6.30pm, and Back to the Future, starting at 8.30pm. The event will be held at Rhodes Park, Thames, on July 29. Tickets \$15 per adult, \$10 per child, or both movies for \$25 for adults and \$18 for children.

ELECTION ACCESS FUND

The establishment of a fund to support people with disabilities participating in parliamentary elections is a step closer with consultation now open on the Election Access Fund. People with disabilities seeking selection or standing as a candidate in a parliamentary general election or by-election will be able to apply for a grant from the \$1m Fund to help cover their costs, such as paying for sign language interpreters or accessible transport to events or meetings. People can fill out a survey online at elections.nz. Consultation closes August 14.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Nominations for the Thames-Coromandel District Community Service Awards 2022 are now open. Council says the awards are a way of giving some well-deserved recognition to unsung heroes of communities. Nominations are open until August 5 and applications can be made at tcdc/ govt.nz/csa.

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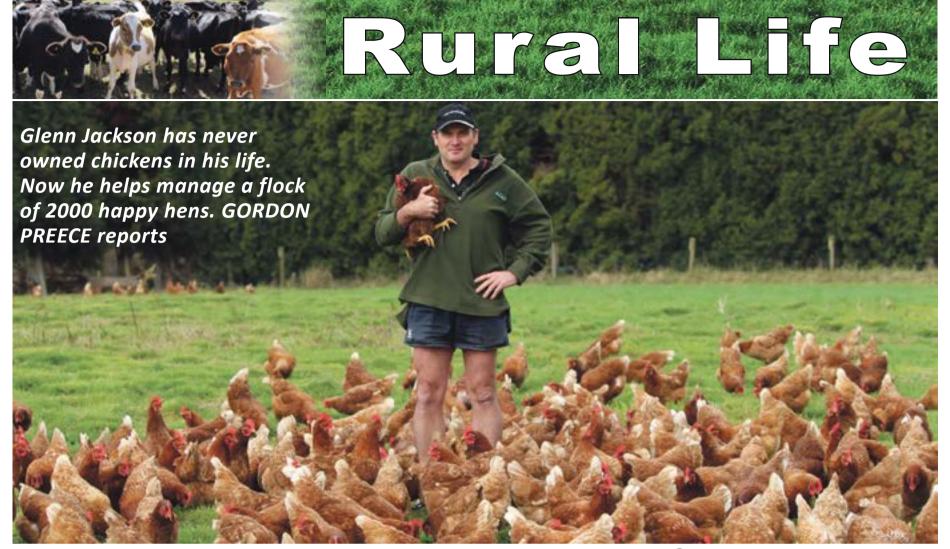
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Glenn Jackson and his two sisters, Lisa and Tessa, took over Happy Hens Waihī from previous owner Andrew Kennedy in June.
Glenn told *The Profile* he was

"excited" after flocking to the area from Taumarunui, where he and his father had an agricultural contracting business.

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"[We] were making hay and silage and putting crops in and selling feed for farmers in the Waikato and other districts, and did that for just over 20 years." he said.

ing feed for farmers in the Waikato and other districts, and did that for just over 20 years," he said.

"But I had terrible trouble with retaining staff and last season three of the guys just walked off the job without warning. "It was so stressful and I was starting to struggle with the stress, so it's time to rethink things and start something new."

Glenn said he flocked to the idea

of chicken farming through inspiration from his sister, Lisa, who also lives at the Waihī property along with their other sister, Tesa.

"She's been passionate about chickens and she's always had a little flock of about 30 or 40 of her own of various breeds - she's even had some who lay green eggs," he said

"She was keen to try and do something along those lines as a new venture so I thought hey it's something different, I've always thought a change is as good as a holiday.

holiday.

"We looked at a lot of places and we were fortunate enough to come across [Happy Hens] and it fit within our budget. We came and had a look at the place and fell in love with it."

Glenn said he had so far enjoyed learning the process of raising hens from Andrew and Happy Hens founders Stan and Delwynn Butterworth, who bought the property as an existing chicken



Glenn plans to prioritise Happy Hens eggs for locals.

farm in 2007.

He was also working on upgrading the property, including repairing sheds, fences, nesting boxes and pasture.

"When I got here Andrew had slowed the farm right down because of what was going on in his life, so the hens weren't laying at all and they were in a bad shape and they weren't fed very much so they had no reserves," he said.

"So the first couple of weeks I was flat out just trying to get them back up to speed and I got 12

tonnes of premium egg laying feed and after two days of feeding them

I noticed a remarkable change in their nature.

"They calmed right down, they're very happy and all of a sudden the egg laying has just gone mental and the quality of the eggs is just astounding."

The number of eggs laid had also "gone through the roof" after he fixed the LED lights which are lit from 2am to 9am to allow egg growth while the hens sleep.

Glenn said he planned to priori-

tise selling eggs for locals first to avoid selling out.
"A lot of feedback I've got from locals was that they got a bit are

"A lot of feedback I've got from locals was that they got a bit annoyed because everyone was catering for the Aucklanders who came down to Waihī Beach, and then there'll be no eggs for the locals," he said.

cals," he said.
"That used to upset a lot of local people because some drive quite a distance [to get eggs from Happy Hens].
"So I want to try and support

"So I want to try and support the local market because they're our bread and butter right through winter and they're consistent. If we support them, they'll support us."

Glenn said he also planned to sell smaller eggs from pullets or young hens, establish a cafe in the future and plans to have chicken manure for sale soon.

"I'm getting a lot of inquiries for that. It's like rocket fuel for veggie gardens and it's another way we can recycle and support the local community," he said.

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Is your spring plan on farm going to plan?



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With calving now well underway you most likely will have plans in action to get through calving

through calving successfully with good animal health and be well set up for mating and peak milk production.

With things in full swing, what checks do you have in place to ensure your plans are working and allow regular fine-tuning?

It can be easy to assume that all is going well and wait for problems to start occurring before contacting your vet for help

However, there are a few simple checks that can be done early on to ensure things are going to plan and allow any adjustments to be made before the problems start and prevent the flow-on effects.

Below is a quick summary of early season checks for animal health:

Transition management and metabolic disease prevention, including blood tests of springers, colostrum cows, and milkers to check supplementation of magnesium, calcium, and energy is adequate

ergy is adequate.

Herd diet calculations and spring rotation planner checks - alongside pasture walks, pasture samples, and assessment of cow production and cow condition; feed calculators and feed budgets can be checked regularly and

adjusted as conditions change to ensure

targets are met.

Mastitis treatment and cell count

Mastitis treatment and cell count monitoring - milk samples from cows prior to treatment for mastitis can be checked to determine the bug present and how responsive to different antibiotic choices the bug is likely to be.

This can then allow changes to preventative measures and ensure that the best antibiotic choice for your farm is being used.

Once the first herd test for the season is completed, this can be used to help assess whether cows have developed new infections and whether cows infected last season have cured over the dry period and so assist culling decisions.

Metrichecking - to check for uterus infections after calving. Ideally, these would be done in two weekly batches of cows calved at least two weeks to allow early treatment and recovery before mating.

Calf disease prevention – blood samples can be taken from 1 to 10-day-old calves to check whether they have received enough colostrum.

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With all your careful planning in place and checks set up, hopefully, you will be set up for a disease-free spring.

But do remember we are here to help. Contact your veterinarian to discuss how they can help with the checks listed above or if problems do start to occur - the sooner the causes are identified, and prevention put in place the smaller the overall impact. Wishing you all a quick and smooth calving!

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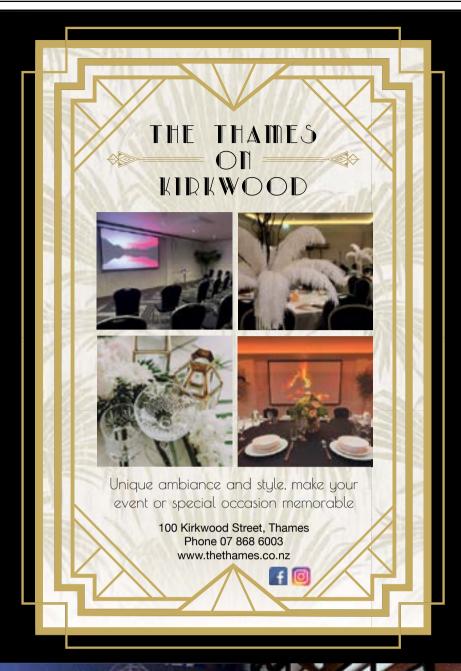
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The best approach is to think in these terms of the following questions:

- When I die, what do I want to happen to my property?
- Who do I want to appoint to make sure that happens?
- If that person or those people are also dead, who do I want to replace them?
- If any beneficiary has died, who gets their share?

When you have answered those questions, see a lawyer. Lawyers have the skills to draft wills in terms that you want. In an increasingly complex world, they can also point out to you what problems you might create if you don't consider the rights of other people who may have an interest in your estate.



Graham O'Brien

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- Graham O'Brien Director. Insight Legal Ltd

Don't leave it to chance Call to increase funeral grant

he Funeral Directors Associa-The Funeral Directors 7.552 tion of New Zealand is calling on government to urgently increase the Work and Income Funeral Grant after the release of 1 July council burial and cremation

A sample of 17 council sites shows the average burial cost is now over \$4000 with significant jumps happening in Tauranga, Hastings, Nelson, and the Far North over the past two years.

Chief executive Gillian Boyes said this took the nationwide average cost of a very modest funeral with a burial to around \$8400 against the Work and Income funeral grant which currently sits at \$2280.

"This matters because Māori and Pacific families are disproportionately represented amongst those applying for the grant, and it's these families for whom burial remains the preferred funeral option.

"Our funeral directors have significant concerns about the wellbeing impact of them not being able to farewell their loved ones in a culturally appropriate way."

The association raised the issue of the inequity of the current funeral grant amount prior to the 2022 Budget but only recently received a response from the Min-



The current funeral grant is designed for a small group of the most vulnerable, the Funeral Directors Association says.

"We were told the grant amount would be considered as part of the welfare overhaul. But progress on that to date has been glacial. With costs that funeral directors can't control going up like this, we can't wait," Ms Boyes said.

The association suggested a more equitable amount would be \$6300, which is close to the funeral grant allowable under ACC.

"This is not a handout going to all New Zealanders. It is designed

for a small group of the most vulnerable who are already struggling with significant post-Covid cost-of-living increases," Ms Boyes said.

"Our funeral directors have to sit in front of these grieving families and tell them they probably can't have the funeral they want. It's deeply unfair on both families and on the funeral directors.

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Thames-Coromandel District Council manages 13 cemeteries within the Thames-Coromandel District, Of these seven are currently open for burials, while six other cemeteries are no longer opera-

Most cemeteries operating in the Thames-Coromandel District cater mostly for lawn plot burials, which means you can't plant vegetation or place structures, borders or any items on the plot itself.

Each community within the Thames-Coromandel district is serviced by at least one operational cemetery.

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Prepare the garden for spring planting by digging in compost and lime. Potato time Seed potatoes are available for planting during late winter. They like slightly acidic soil with good moisture levels. Dig in Blood and Bone to improve soil structure and attract earthworms. Plant about 15cm deep and apply 5cm layer of mulch. Once sprouts start to show apply an additional 15cm mulch to protect from sunlight. Place the seed potatoes in a well-lit position out of direct sunlight to sprout (chitting) prior to planting.

Continue harvesting existing crops of carrots, parsnips, celery, leeks, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, spinach and start planting out more cut and come varieties of lettuce. The arrival of August means that you can start off tomato seeds on a warm window sill in a garden shed or under a cloche so the seedlings are ready to plant out once the last frosts have passed. Rhubarb - Divide old clumps which have wintered over. Plant out pieces containing new green shoots.

Start planting gerberas, marigolds, hellebores, azaleas and daphne while conditions are right. If it is warm enough gladioli corms can be planted out. Keep beds well weeded and mulch where possible. It is not too late to plant a new rose but don't leave it any longer than August. They like sun, good air flow and when planting, a seaweed tonic. This promotes good root growth. As existing plants awaken from their winter hibernation it's time to feed them to prepare for the flurry of new growth. Give shrub roses



a good prune to around knee height and remove dead stems and mulch. Spray with a Copper Oxychloride to prevent infesta-

A good copper spray now will help prevent a lot of fungal and bacterial diseases on your pip fruit trees, stone fruit and berry plants later in the season. Repeat weekly; especially if you had a problem last season until the little green tips of the leaves start to appear. Always remember to clean up leaf drop around plants to avoid spreading diseases. Mulch around the base of your fruit trees after cleaning up leaf drop. Prune your feijoas to encourage a healthy fruit crop for next season.

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John said he hoped to expand Place-makers' trade and retail supply.

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Paeroa College School Board Elections **Parent Election Notice**



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If you need more nomination forms, please contact the school office.

Nominations close at 12.00pm on Friday 19th August 2022. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

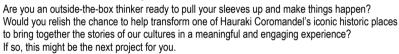
As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 3pm on September 23, 2022.

Signed Yolande Lowe

Returning Officer

Product Development Facilitator



The Historical Maritime Park is a place of historical significance, but it is much more than a naval museum. The park on the Waihou River has witnessed life evolve from the times of waka traveling the waterways to the arrival of European settlers and mining commerce.

The charitable trust and volunteers who run the park aim to preserve and share the historical, environmental, and cultural narrative, and they need the support of a creative and resourceful staff member to help bring the dream to life

THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY:

- Building infrastructure and business capability within the park for future development and offerings.
- Implementing unique product offerings, services and visitor engagement capability.
- Developing events and the wedding and conference markets to build a stable revenue stream. Creating employment opportunities through the development of the park. 3.
- TENURE:

The position is a full time fixed term contract for 12 months, commencing 1st October 2022. LOCATION:

Based in Paeroa at the Historical Maritime Park, with one day a week at Destination Hauraki Coromandel office in Thames RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROLE:

The right candidate will be suitably qualified and experienced in product development and will be responsible

for the following tasks: Administration: develop policies, procedures and consents. Manage bookings systems.

- Marketing: Develop a strategy, plan, and brand guidelines.
- Product Development: build elements of the park experience to grow visitation and revenue and create employment opportunities.
- Create visitor engagement assets: supporting product development including future river boat
- Conferences, incentives and weddings: develop capability to host events and increase bookings.
- Accommodation: develop existing facilities
 Events: develop and host events in the park including a permanent light installation.

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES REQUIRED:

- Project management, planning and organisation
- Sustainability minded with a strong understanding of environmental, cultural and social impacts
- Confidence in prioritizing projects to deliver the best results
 A strong player with the ability to work autonomously, while delivering collaborative results
- Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills including iwi
- Potential to lead and demonstrate strategic thinking
- Aptitude in community planning and sustainable practice welcomed Tertiary qualification in Project Management, Tourism, Business Management or similar is
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FURTHER INFORMATION:

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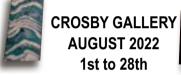
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SPORTS

Call for rugby registrations

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

Planning for the Thames Valley Centenary on August 26 and 27 is "well in hand", but registrations have not come in as quickly as the Thames Valley Rugby Football Union would like, its president has said.

"We have certainly found that the inability to post a cheque is a major inconvenience and some people do not have ready access to a local bank," Kelly Plummer told *The Profile*.

"However, the local rugby grapevine tells us that there are many more registrations to come to go with the 70-plus that have already signed up."

Registrations for the twoday event, which coincides with the Thames Valley Heartland Championship match on the Saturday, close on August 1.

Mr Plummer said they already had a "good spread" of past players registered, with the earliest so far dating back to 1956.

The union's 2018 New Zealand Heartland Player of the Year, Brett Ranga, along with current coach David Harrison, will also be in attendance, as well as former international referee Keith Lawrence who started his first class refereeing career in the Thames Valley.

New Zealand Rugby will be represented by vice president Matthew Cooper, from Hamilton.

"All 1231 players who have represented Thames Valley in first class rugby since 1922 have now been numbered and these numbers will be made public on the Friday night," Mr Plummer said.

"The editor of Swamp Foxes Alive is putting the finishing touches to the centenary book which will be launched on the Friday night along with an auction of special Thames Valley centenary players' rugby jerseys.

"After the Swamp Foxes play West Coast on the Saturday, there will be decade photos and dinner."

DETAILS: Registration is available via the union's website: www.thamesvalleyswampfoxes.co.nz or you can call into the office at 140A Normanby Rd, Paeroa.



ENTERTAINMENT



Matiu Te Huki will perform in Thames next week.

Te Huki, Wade to perform

Matiu Te Huki will perform in Thames on August 1, with special guest Dylan Wade.

Matiu's ability to powerfully connect with and lift a crowd with his powerful stage presence with his solid solo looping show is mesmerising.

Looping live, Matiu's soulful roots music has a strong Māori flavour, using haka, chants and traditional Māori instruments, backed by grabbing grooves, deep, beautifully crafted bass lines, funky rhythms and magical melodies that stay with you well after the show ends, all held up by a pillar of Pacific passion and top class technical precision.

Thames musician Dylan Wade will open the concert with a selection of songs on guitar and voice within the soul, funk, jazz, rock and blues

styles. Wade is an established artist with decades of experience and many hundreds of performances, who has released four albums and had songs on various compilation albums.

Wade holds a Masters degree in music and works part time teaching music in Thames, Coromandel Town and Waiomu.

He has also performed in more than 12 countries, and his main instruments are guitar and voice with focus on songwriting and freestyle improvisation.

DETAILS: Matiu Te Huki Concert, with special guest Dylan Wade, August 1, 7:30pm - 9:30pm at The Back Room, 714 Pollen St, Grahamstown, Thames. Tickets: events.humanitix.com.

Industrial hemp industry could grow in region

By GORDON PREECE

An event as part of a nationwide tour to introduce businesses and entrepreneurs in Hauraki-Coromandel to industrial hemp's economic and sustainability potential is scheduled to be held in Thames on August 3 after being postponed.

New Zealand Hemp Industries Association chair Richard Barge, who lives in Paeroa, told *The Profile* he'd like to see the industrial hemp industry grow in the

Hauraki-Coromandel area for food, fibre and health products.

"We've got plenty of farmers willing to grow [hemp] so we need to raise awareness with the end users and have those entrepreneurs and business people have a light bulb moment," he said.

"The Hauraki area we're a rotational crop so we'd grow [hemp] over the summer, similar to maize, and therefore it could really work well in crop rotation for a dairy farmer or another arable producer.

"The Thames-Coromandel area is different in the sense that they should be in my opinion concentrating on the health industry as opposed to the food and fibre because that grows a different way, you're talking about moving from arable to horticultural."

Richard said the event, which will take place at Thames Civic Centre from 7pm to 10pm, will feature presentations from himself and Bill Quinn from Paeroa agribusiness OrganicAg.

"There'll also be an opportunity as well to have a Q&A session to answer any questions which may come up from the meeting, and there will be a livestream option as well for people who can't make it on the day."

Details: iHemp Discovery & Investment Tour, Thames Civic Centre, August 3, 7pm - 10pm, general admission (in-person) \$15, virtual livestreaming \$10, tickets: events.humanitix.com.



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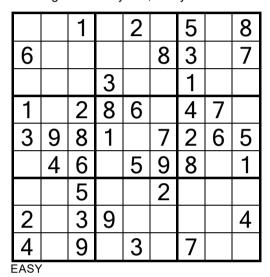


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DOWN

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On guard (5) Second-hand (4) Paper-folding art (7)

Cricket team (6)

Courageous (5) 9 Narrow fissure (7)

10 Prickling (4)11 Treeless Arctic plain

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24 Amount short (7) 26 Sugar pill (7) III-defined (7)

29 Do like (7)

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Make up one's mind

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Small mark (4)

Inundate (5) 38 Bottomless chasm

Waist band (4) 45 Eye centre (5)

46 Greenhouse (7) Building cover (4)

Handbook (6) 49 Cringe (5) 50

Emitting a smell (7) Flue (10) Back problem (7)

Single out (6) Pane worker (7) 55

Useful (5) 56 Ado (4)

Grey-faced (5) Curative treatment 67

68 Add sugar (7) 70

Hair cleaner (7) Of another country 72

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76 Passenger boat (5)78 Barter (5)80 Touches down (5)

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Target smashed

More than \$100,000 was raised for former Hauraki North player Myles MacDuff in a Swampfoxes invitational XV match at Waitakaruru on Saturday. Myles, who was diagnosed with motor neuron disease late last year, said he was "beyond words" at the community's support. Thames Valley fell short of beating North Harbour in the curtain raiser by 22-19 and Hauraki North triumphed over Thames Valley with a 19-5 victory. Valley Profile reporter **GORDON PREECE** snapped the action.



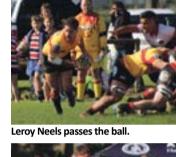
Hauraki North halfback Simon Adams



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