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'NIGHTMARE' TILES

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

A petition has been started to replace the tiles outside Thames' shopping centre after a man passed out after slipping on them.

Stuart Floan was leaving The Warehouse at Goldfields Shopping Centre around 6.15pm on a Sunday when he was injured after a near-tumble on the tiles.

"I was carrying some boxes of firewood, and as I was walking, my left leg slid forward quite dramatically," he recalled.

"I didn't fall down, but strained or pulled something in my upper thigh. I made it to the car, and for some reason, my body went: 'Wait a minute'. I managed to make it to the passenger seat and passed out.

"I think it was the shock to the system more than anything else," he said. "In hindsight I thought maybe I would've been better just falling, rather than trying to save myself."

Stuart started a poll on a Thames community noticeboard Facebook page saying he was starting a petition to get Goldfields Mall to replace the tiles at its entrance.

"It is only a matter of time until someone has a serious injury," he wrote.

As of August 8, the poll had received 537 votes with a unanimous decision to "support change".

"There has to be something done because if I fell over and I'm fit and able, for anybody else, it could be a nightmare," he told *The Profile*.

"The bottom line is they need to change the tiles. If people don't feel

safe to walk in and out of the mall in wet weather, that's not going to just impact Goldfields, that'll impact on the shops in the mall as well."

Goldfields manager John Freer acknowledged that recently, there had been "more issues" with the tiles, but they couldn't apply any anti-slip coating until broken tiles around the mall had been replaced.

That work has recently been carried out, and further anti-slip coating will be applied to all of the tiles in the "next couple of weeks".

"We replaced most of the exterior tiles around three years ago, and we did use what was the highest non-slip type available, but we know that different types of footwear when the tiles are wet can cause slips," he said.

Mr Freer was not sure how long the anti-slip coating lasted on the tiles, but did say the warranty for the product covered five years.

"We make sure to put out signage when it's raining, and I've also put additional mats down to try to absorb the water. We have taken precautions but people need to be careful," he said. "Even with anti-slip, people still need to be careful when it's wet."

Stuart Floan said he will be presenting the online poll with its 500-plus votes to mall management.

Mr Freer welcomed the engagement.

"People are obviously concerned and showing an interest, so it's good that people care," he said.



Shoppers are being warned be careful on slippery tiles outside Goldfields Mall in Thames after a man was injured.
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LETTERS

OVERWELMING RESPONSE
Overwhelming and concerning is my reaction to the many responses via The Valley Profile (Mall Manager injured, July 27), the likes of the CFM website and Facebook page, other local social media sites and personal messages. All of those have expressed dismay that such an act occurred, others their anger, some have attempted to lay blame while others have called for retribution.

People from all walks of our wider community have made contact to discuss what they see as an escalating issue. Action is now required and that means redirecting those responsible and getting them involved in things that will provide the opportunity to channel their actions into positive outcomes. As a result of having been involved with sport, I am aware of potential opportunities, and with CFM's John Grant, I have met with Shaun George and his supporters at the Thames-based Never Surrender Club. Through its boxing and fitness programmes the club instils the principles of discipline, hard work and dedication. We are going to work with the club with the aim of enhancing their facilities and getting those young people responsible for unacceptable behaviour into activities and events provided by Shaun and his fellow coaches and supporters.

- John Freer, Goldfields Mall

MALL ASSAULT
This assault (Valley Profile, Mall Manager injured, July 27) is a reflection on us all as a community. Where is our moral compass? We ignore our responsibilities



Goldfields Mall manager and TCDC Mayoral candidate John Freer was assaulted at the mall on July 22. File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

to support our most vulnerable whanau. It takes a village to raise a child. Our agencies tick boxes or refuse to help as it is outside their "pay scale" or their area of responsibility. We currently have a large family in a motel in temporary housing. The older children, who are teens, were in a unit 100 metres away from their parents down an alleyway. This is the best WINZ could offer. On Monday, their young mother had a medical event and was on life support.

Overworked Thames Hospital staff were superb, however, she passed away on August 3. The father's work colleagues are looking after the children in one home. We are now desperately trying to find a home for the family so that the children can be together, grieve and forge a future. When seeking help for the children, I was informed WINZ had their own dramas and could not help. Our

lost children and youth are lashing out at a community that has denied their existence and alienated them. If this is all the support community can offer then look in the mirror and see where the culpability lies. This is not the government's problem, this is ours! We have a window of opportunity to create change. Do we have the gumption and the desire to get off our couches and do so?

- Adrienne Dalton MNZM, JP, Co-General Manager, Te Whangai Trust

BRUTAL ATTACK
A serious assault which could have ended as a murder, (Valley Profile, Mall Manager injured, July 27). New Zealanders are fed up with this kind of cowardly, bad behaviour from thugs that are running wild like mad packs of dogs. What is behind this 'hard done by' mentality that is causing this level of violence, theft and nasty attitude

now in our country? Are people reverting to savagery and cannibalism? Get rid of the tribal pack mentality. Add to society instead of ripping it off, and taking all you can get for nothing. We need to start respecting one another, appreciating what we have, move on, and work together as one nation without divisions. Otherwise, this country of ours will have nothing to offer future generations of New Zealanders, because of the violence, dishonesty and criminal activity that is constantly sucking the life out of our once prosperous country.

- Annette Arundel, Waihi

COWARD PUNCH
A reader has raised concerns about the use of the phrase "king hit" (Valley Profile, Mall Manager injured, July 27) to describe a punch to the head from behind, as they believe it "glorifies the perpetrator". Instead, it was suggested this type of assault should be described as a "coward punch". We apologise for the use of the phrase and any offence caused.

HAPPY HENS
Good to have a new paper in the area that seems worthwhile. I am at Waihi Beach and pick it up from the local shops when I remember. So pleased to read of Happy Hens' business being up and running again to give service to local shoppers and provide a successful small business employing people, (Valley Profile, Egg-citing journey awaits new farm owners, July 27). I have been getting eggs from this place for many years.

- Helen Meiklejohn, Waihi Beach

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MOON AND FISH KEYS

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TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES

To determine tide times at the following places, add (+) or subtract (-) the given time difference from the Thames times listed in the calendar.

PLACE	Hr	Mn	Hr	LOW
Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	07	-0	07
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

Student takes a shine to shoe business

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

A 14-year-old student has started from the ground up to build a shoe shining enterprise within his school.

Hauraki Plains College Year 10 pupil Jared Everett has been charging \$2 to shine the shoes of his fellow students.

The budding businessman is in a class of his own and says the response to his polished profession has been “unexpected”.

“It’s quite an interesting concept; you pay a kid in the 1930s a quarter and he’ll polish your shoes... they didn’t get any praise, did they?”

Jared started shoe shining in 2021 after his attempts at selling origami didn’t take flight, but the venture depended on students approaching him as he walked around the school.

Now, he has a station set up at the college’s hub, and he is there almost every lunch and morning tea time.

“I just thought to myself one day: the teachers are always bugging people to polish their shoes, and the kids would rather pay someone to do it

than do it themselves, so why don’t I do it?”

“I’ve always been shining my own shoes because I find it therapeutic.”

Jared started out charging 50 cents to polish a pair of shoes, and reckons he’s earned anywhere between \$50-\$70 since the business’ inception.

“People usually bug me and ask for a free shoe shine or say: ‘Will you do it for 10 cents?’ but when people do come with money, it’s really nice,” he says.

The college’s dress code requires boys to wear clean, black leather school shoes, and it expects students to maintain “a high standard of dress and personal presentation at all times”.

Jared says if shoes are polished, they will last longer.

“If you care for them and make sure they’re clean, then they’ll be good to you and last a long time.”



Jared Everett, 14, has earned at least \$50 from his fellow pupils after starting up a shoe polishing profession. INSET: Jared received a raft of Tedd’s products.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU



After student hub administrator

Amanda Fitzpatrick posted a video of Jared hard at work, New Zealand shoe care brand, Tedd’s, sent him a raft of

products to use. He has plans to continue shoe shining until his final year at college, after which, he will train up a protégé to carry on the legacy.

“I tried to do business before - a lot of businesses - and

I didn’t even get a cent. So, this is the only business that’s ever worked out for me and that’s really amazing,” he said.



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Education

International students resubmit at Thames High

By GORDON PREECE

Thames High School has reopened its doors with a big “konnichiwa” to returning international students after two years of Covid-19 detention.

Twelve Japanese and one German exchange students were welcomed on to the school grounds at the beginning of term three, and two more Japanese students are expected to arrive later in the term.

They join seven Japanese exchange students who remained at the school during New Zealand’s border closures from April, 2020.

Thames High School international students director Pauline Managh told *The Profile* it was “very nice” to have them back and immersed within the school’s culture.

“A lot of students here haven’t seen international students being at school so for our year nine and tens, it’s just really nice,” she said.

“You hear them talk about it and interact with them and not only is it assisting us financially as a school but also it’s actually great for our domestic students to see that whole globalisation. “It’s also nice to be busy again for myself and have a job that’s challenging.”

Pauline said returning international students would also help financially support the



Thames High School’s Japanese exchange students with principal Michael Hart (centre).

Photo: GORDON PREECE

school’s staffing, resourcing for the international department, shortfall in operational funding and ICT.

The school worked closely with English language school Evakona Education’s Thames Campus to arrange for the Japanese students to attend Thames High School, and worked predominantly with German agen-

cies for European students, she said.

“Evakona Education also organises the Japanese students’ homestays and when it comes to the European students, I organise them all,” Pauline said.

“We will be welcoming more international students back next year and we’re always on the outlook for homestays.”

Pauline said the new international students, who come from individual schools in their home countries, all came to experience a New Zealand high school and would be at Thames High School for a short period.

“For the Japanese students it’s their summer holiday back in Japan so they fly in, do school work and fly back home,” she

said. “We will be doing some lunch time activities like badminton, volleyball and table tennis, and we’ve got spirit week soon as well.”

Pauline said more international students will arrive next year including more from Europe and Japan, who will stay in Thames for longer periods.

Opportunities for Students at Thames High School

UNISS Netball Tournament

Thames High School Senior A Netball team will be competing in the UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary Schools) Tournament in Pakuranga, Auckland from Monday 29 August to Saturday 3 September.

2022 Thames High netball were the fortunate recipients of an ANZ courtside netball grant.

Special thank to ANZ for sponsoring 25 new uniforms, two sets of bibs, four balls and three gear bags.



Photo is of old uniform

Our Senior A netball team will look extremely smart taking the court in their new uniforms.

Secondary Schools Football Tournament

Thames High School senior male football team will be competing in the Secondary Schools Football tournament in New Plymouth from 29 August to 3 September. We have been working hard getting ourselves in preparation for the tournament including fundraising with a quiz night at the GBD, drive through movie evening at Rhodes Park and raffles. They will compete against 16 other schools from across New Zealand.

Art Students’ Exhibition

The Thames High Art students have recently been invited to exhibit their work at the [Thames Art Society Gallery](#) at Tararu.

The Society aims to promote and foster interest in the work of young people on the peninsula so last year they had the idea of launching an exhibition to help fulfill their objective.

THS senior students thoroughly enjoyed seeing their artwork professionally presented in such a beautiful gallery setting with the added opportunity of selling their work. The three delighted prize winners, **Ruby Molloy, Baromey Rous** and **Ava Leathem** shared prize money of over \$2000.

The Thames High students would like to thank the Society for all their hard work in promoting and hanging the artwork.

To view students artwork, go to [thameshighart.weebly.com](#)



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Thames High School
Te Kura Tuarua
o Te Kauaeranga

Award for 20 years of search and rescue

By GORDON PREECE

After roughly 150 search and rescue missions, Darren Butler has roped in two decades with Waihi Land Search and Rescue (LandSAR).

The current chairman of the voluntary organisation, which has 22 full time volunteers, told *The Profile* a love of camping, hiking, running and mountain biking led him to join 20 years ago.

“I’ve always enjoyed being outdoors in the bush and a friend of mine who’d been involved in search and rescue for a few years suggested I come along for a look and pretty much instantly got hooked,” he said.

“The things that appeal are the challenges of trying to find where the missing parties may be or where they may have gone, linking clues and information as it builds a bit of a picture to try and figure it out. “You get the best of both worlds, doing something I enjoy and feeling like you can make a difference to others who may be missing or injured.”

Darren, who works for Alitech Window Systems in Waihi, said three multi-day missions to locate missing individuals were the most memorable. These include



Darren Butler receives his award from LandSAR NZ’s Louise Beaumont.

Photo: SUPPLIED

a week-long search in the Kauaeranga Valley in 2006, a four day search in the Hunua

Ranges in 2012 and a five day search in Tūrangi in 2017. “Most of those were in very

cold, wet conditions which is often the case,” he said. “In Tūrangi, it’s a much

colder climate compared to what we’ve got here. All the bush was just so dense down there and around the Kauaeranga Valley, it’s very steep terrain pushing into thick bush off trail.

“They all had different results... but I was sometimes amazed with how someone can remain out in a very unpleasant environment for several days and still be found alive.” Darren, who’s also an associate member of Waihi Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, said the public support over the years had been “amazing”.

“We’ll often get letters of thanks and cards, just expressing their gratitude, and it’s very rewarding from that perspective,” he said.

“You sort of think if your own family members were lost or injured out there, you’d certainly want someone to go and help them out.”

Darren also said Waihi LandSAR’s new ute donated by OceanaGold in June had also received public support with Waihi Auto Services supplying the canopy and towbar for free and Waihi Family Doctors covering its insurance. He has no plans to abandon his search and rescue career and will continue training new volunteers and help build the group’s new search and training base.

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Youth MPs put stamp on Parliament

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

Two Youth MPs hailing from the Thames Valley had the same word to describe the General Debate they took part in at Parliament: “terrifying”.

Thames High School student Tyler Groenewald, 17, and Hauraki Plains College student Anna Tukuitoga, 18, were selected as representatives for the 10th New Zealand Youth Parliament, running from March 1 to August 31.

At a two-day event at the Beehive in July, the pair had to present a three-minute speech in the same debating chambers as those used by elected politicians.

“I was absolutely terrified,” Tyler told *The Profile*.

“It was the most overwhelming feeling ever but it was such a good environment. I’ve always done speeches and debating, but [Youth Parliament] was the biggest scale I’ve done it on,” she said.

“It was so surreal.”

Youth Parliament is held every three years, and is an opportunity for young New Zealanders to learn first-hand about democracy and decision-making.

This year, the 139 participants took part in mock debates, attended caucus sessions, sat in on select commit-



Anna Tukuitoga, 18, in the speaker's chair at Parliament, left, and with Coromandel MP Scott Simpson in Parliament.



Photos: SUPPLIED

tees, and asked oral questions of ministers.

Anna, an award-winning country singer from Paeroa, was the Youth MP for Na-

tional's Coromandel MP Scott Simpson.

“Being a performer, I went in and thought I would be all good and represent my family

and culture and do it justice... and then I got up, and I was shaking,” Anna said of her debate experience.

“It was so terrifying... and

it was so annoying because it was a pretty good speech and I didn't deliver it the way I wanted to.”

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Depressed? Stressed?
Out of sync with the world?
Be like Richard...


Hi guys, just wanted to drop you a line and say thanks. I did some courses with you in 2014, a couple of level 1 courses and a level 2 mechanical engineering one.

I was at a pretty negative time in my life, bad relationship, lost job etc. I had previously always worked in less hands-on jobs and found work stressful. I gained so much confidence and enthusiasm for life in the time I studied with Valley Education. I was able to complete my work ahead of schedule and use the equipment to practice on my own projects. This got me really enthused with starting a business and working for myself. There was a small business workshop in Thames that we went to with Valley Education and by the end of the year I was full of confidence, enthusiasm and direction. Since then I have continued studying. I did my level 3 in Organic Horticulture and level 4 Small Business Management by correspondence through SIT. I used the confidence in my practical skills while I did correspondence, rebuilding an old sawmill and renovating a house in Tokoroa. I have continued studying, completing a diploma in sustainable development through Open Polytechnic in 2016, and am now only a couple of months away from completing my Bachelors in Applied Science (Environment).

In March this year I moved down south to Otago with my partner. We have bought 26 acres and begun the journey of starting our own farm and working towards organic certification. We began building our dream house in January with the sawmill I restored. I wanted to take the time to thank VETEL for the environment you provided back 4 years ago. To a degree I ended up on your door because I was depressed, stressed and out of sync with the world I was living in. In my time with you I met real people, I learned practical hands on skills. I developed confidence to go after both the knowledge and the skill-sets that I need. There are lots of places that will teach you what to think, or what to do. I feel Valley Education showed me how to access knowledge and apply it practically.

Your contribution will always mean a lot to me. Cheers Richard

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Anna didn't know what she was getting herself into when she submitted her application to Mr Simpson, but "somehow, he liked mine", she said.

"I think we're lucky in this society now because we have a lot to talk about.

"I don't know a lot about politics, but I think I'm going to get into it more."

Tyler was the Youth MP for Waikato Act List MP James McDowall, who is also Act's spokesperson for immigration - a role that Tyler felt was important to learn more about due to her family's arrival to New Zealand from South Africa in 2006.

"I was in the canteen line at school when I got the phone call [for Youth Parliament] and I started crying straight away. I didn't believe it at first; it didn't quite set in until I was there," she said.

Tyler has lived in Thames for three years and is planning to pursue a double degree in commerce and education at the University of Waikato.

She said her passion for politics was ignited last year, after getting the "opportunity to take it seriously".

"I've always been politically inclined but I never really knew what you could do with it. Being an MP seems so far out of reach... but we want to show people that this is a path that can happen.

"Getting into government is



Tyler Groenewald and her MP James McDowall during a visit to Mount Maunganui, Tauranga, and meeting Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, right.

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still difficult, but there are options from a young age."

Both Tyler and Anna encouraged more young people to get involved with Young Parliament when it comes around again in 2025.

"Trying never hurt anyone, and it's so worth the anxiety,"

Tyler said.

"At the end of the day, it is only 500 words to get in, 500 words to speak, and you have the most amazing experience of your life."



John Freer Mayoral Campaign

Open Letter to Thames Coromandel District Council Staff

Dear Thames Coromandel District Council Staff Members



I appreciate you taking the time to read this note. As a Mayoral candidate I wish to provide background on matters I will raise during the coming local body election campaign. It is important to me to firmly engage with council staff as your support is vital if, as the incoming Mayor, I am to lead our council forward in a positive manner. You may realise that I have been around long enough to understand that some staff will come on board immediately, others will be sceptical, while some will determine a completely different direction. Up front I am advocating change and in doing so looking to discover new opportunities for you as staff members which will benefit our many stakeholders, partners and the entire Coromandel Peninsula. Inclusion is critical for me, it extends to staff along with our residents and ratepayers, our councillors, community board representatives and the many groups and communities who have an interest in our region. During my career I have always placed considerable emphasis on working with people, if successful in October the same will apply to council.

Change to me is being driven by many factors from Government's indications on local government, our current global financial impacts, challenges and opportunities arising from matters ranging across climate change to social community impacts. Subsequently, I will be recommending - and discussing during the election campaign, a realigned four tier structure based on communities, infrastructure, economic development/planning, and governance - including fiscal management, stakeholder development and communications. This structure has been developed in consultation with a wide range of people representing those who have a real interest in how we should work to shape our community of the future. My vision is quite clear: "To ensure the Coromandel Peninsula continues to be one of the most beautiful places to live, work, holiday or visit." This applies to you as a council staff member just as it does to every other council stakeholder. You are going to have a new CEO and a new Mayor - the Mayor and the Councillors set the governance, the CEO with you delivers the agreed outcomes. Critical to achieving this is the council culture - at the council table and across the entire staff - to achieve this takes real leadership, involves everyone and includes everyone. My aim is for you to want to come to work, be

proud of what you do, and want to tell the world about it. Now, this all sounds good - but you are allowed to be a little sceptical. There are going to be challenges and there will be times when not everyone agrees with every decision made and you may not like the resulting outcomes - I do promise that I will ensure everyone has the chance to be heard. We all need to be cognisant of the need for council's business and financial strategy to ensure council's viability into the future. Here is the exciting part - we know we live and work in a very special part of New Zealand with significant populations on our doorstep. This does present challenges - but also new and exciting opportunities. If successful, I look forward to developing these with you and bringing them to reality. My contact details are attached so please feel free to make contact if you would like to discuss this further.

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NZHIA chair Richard Barge wears clothing made from hemp for the presentation. INSET: A variety of hemp products on display.
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Farmers prompted to explore hemp

By GORDON PREECE

A focus on the health industry would be ideal to start growing Hauraki-Coromandel's industrial hemp industry. This was one of the topics discussed during New Zealand Hemp Industry Association's (NZHIA) final presentation of its iHemp Investment and Discovery Tour of the North Island at Thames Civic Centre on August 3. The presentation aimed to introduce Hauraki-Coromandel businesses and entrepreneurs to industrial hemp's economic and sustainability potential. NZHIA chair Richard Barge, who lives in Paeroa, led the pres-

entation. He told the audience of about a dozen people, who attended in person and online, that the Hauraki-Coromandel area was ideal for growing industrial hemp for health products. "You want to be growing unpollinated plants, which means you're in sync with the local economy and there's a lot of infrastructure you've already got in this area," he said. "As you go across the Hauraki Plains, you're probably a little damp in the peat because when we're growing we don't like wet feet; it needs to be a well drained, sandy loam type soil." Richard said for primary sectors to grow industrial hemp under the Misuse of Drugs Act's

industrial hemp regulations a licence was required, which can be for both cultivation and processing. "If you were possessing hemp seed, you would need to have a licence to have your processing facility fit for purpose to allow you to store and work with hemp seeds," he said. "Those processing licences are the same as a general cultivating licence, \$511 including GST but last for three years, so not a huge cost. "The big opportunity there is we get full plant utilisation so there's no waste streams and there's revenue streams from all those parts of the plants being realised in the food, fibre and

health sectors." Benefits of industrial hemp for farmers could include the fact it was a gross nitrogen feeder making it a good dairy rotation when grown between October and December and harvested in March, he said. "There's also other reasons to grow industrial hemp and we talk about the fibre remediation reason, so that's cleaning and conditioning soil so lifting heavy metals, reprogramming soil so it could be productive again," he said. "Especially in a food rotation, conditioning soils and breaking compacting soils up with a long tap root. "All of these things occur via industrial hemp growing on the

farm, we need some New Zealand specific information especially about crop rotations and what's the effect on follow on crops." Richard said if more farmers could get on board with the industrial hemp industry, NZHIA could then also manage the industry's scale. "Then we have the opportunity to really understand what the user's paying point is, what they need, and they can then provide specifications," he said. "So it's a very interesting time and that's where we're getting that collaboration going because we as the hemp industry represent the raw ingredient and the public just need to be aware of us as a new raw material."

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Rural Life

Farmers' concerns grow in six months

Farmer confidence has fallen in the last six months according to Federated Farmers' July survey.

More than 1200 New Zealand farmers responded to the survey, with a net of 47.8 per cent considering current economic conditions to be bad, down 55.6 points from the January survey.

Federated Farmers president and trade/economy spokesperson Andrew Hoggard said inflation and supply chain disruption fallout from Covid-19 and Russia's invasion of Ukraine contributed to farmers' drop in confidence.

"Continued concern over the pace and direction of government reform and regulation, not to mention staff shortages, are also contributing to uncertainty and gloom," he said.

Farmers identified climate change policy, the emissions trading scheme, regulation and compliance costs, and biosecurity amid foot and mouth disease concerns as their top concerns and wanted the government to confront these issues. Additional concerns included fiscal policy and the economy and business environment.

Over the next 12 months, a net 53.1 per cent of respondents expect their profitability to decline, up 11.9 points on the January, 2022, survey when a net 41.2 per cent was expected to decline.

Mr Hoggard said this was expected given the squeeze from higher input

costs and high commodity prices retreating.

"What's also worrying is that for the first time in our survey's history we've recorded a net negative score for production expectations," he said.

"A net 0.5 per cent of farmers who answered our questions expect their production to decline over the next 12 months, down 2.3 points on the January result."

A net 54.6 per cent of respondents expected their spending to increase over the next 12 months, a slight increase from the January survey.

"This will be due to inflation of input prices rather than spending on more goods and services," Andrew Hoggard said.

With farmers, like other New Zealanders, having to pay more interest, a net 15.3 per cent of survey respondents expected their debt to reduce over the next 12 months, down 15.6 points from the January survey when the figure was 30.9 per cent.

The Federated Farmers survey indicated a slight ease in the labour market but according to Andrew Hoggard was "still very tight."

A net 44.3 per cent of respondents reported it had been harder to recruit skilled and motivated staff over the past six months, down 4.3 points on the January survey.

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Principal finds new beginnings at Matatoki

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

Hine Viskovich has taken up her first post as principal at Matatoki School, after the Covid-19 pandemic put her priorities into perspective.

It was 1986 when Hine began teaching in Auckland at age 20. She had stints in Mangere, Henderson, and New Lynn before the opportunity came up to obtain her first principalship at the rural school south of Thames.

“One of the things I learned from Covid was about prioritising things, and nature became really important for my well-being,” she told *The Profile*. “We bought a bach in Te Puru about a year ago, and it got to the point when on Sundays when we had to go home, I hated going back to the hustle and bustle of Auckland.

“When I saw this position, it just felt right, so even though it was about a year ahead of our plan, I took the opportunity.”

Hine spent her childhood summers exploring the streams around Thames. Her parents were avid “rockhounds” while she and her siblings were “pebble puppies”, she said.

For the past two terms, she has been living along the Thames Coast. Her husband, Nino, will join her at the end of the year.

“I’m a beginning principal, and it sort of feels quite strange to be beginning something at 56... but it’s been really invig-



Hine Viskovich has inherited a raft of projects at Matatoki School, including the recent construction of a new car park to alleviate access concerns.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

orating and refreshing and I’m on a whole new journey,” she said.

Hine has spent the past 36 years in the education field. She did try a different career once, but she found herself waiting for the chime of a bell to indicate the start of her lunch break.

She lasted “one term” in an office environment, and went back to teaching.

“I’m just really passionate about making a difference for children, and the biggest shift for me recently is actually thinking beyond the child and more about teachers, because they have the most impact out of any resource a child at school has access to,” she said.

“So, by supporting them and building them up and keeping their passion alive, your arms just get that much longer.”

Hine also made note of the “strong relationship” she has witnessed between Matatoki School and its community, a sense of involvement she said she hasn’t had at any of the other schools she has worked at.

“Some of our parents play really key and important roles in the daily running of the school,” she said.

“The next step is I want to formalise those parent helpers

as friends of the school.”

Hine has inherited a raft of projects at the school on State Highway 26, including the recent construction of a new car park to alleviate concerns over the lack of safe access to the school.

Board of trustees chair Elliot Burton said safety had been a big focus for the school, and over the past number of years, its board and community had been working to get a new car park funded and approved.

The project cost \$310,000 and was funded in part by the Ministry of Education, contributions from the school board of trustees, student fundraising, and funds from the sale of the Matatoki Hall in 2019.

Also in the works at the school is a new recreational court facility, which is nearing completion.

“Our school has seen a steady roll growth, so we are in the process of improving the school’s infrastructure, with construction aiming to start in late 2022 on our new admin building with a covered outdoor learning space for children,” Mr Burton said.

“All of these projects wouldn’t be possible without the great support from the community and local companies that have gone the extra mile to help us, so, we want to say thank you to everybody that has been involved.”





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Boating president to stand for Mayor

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

Eric Carter has never gone for a job and missed. His next career ambition? Becoming the mayor of Thames-Coromandel District Council.

Nominations to stand for council at this year's local body elections close on Friday, and Eric, who resides in Te Mata along the Thames Coast, said the idea to throw his hat into the ring had been brewing for some time.

"Being on the Shoreline Management Plan panel at the council for the last 18 months, I've seen how the council operates, and with the Mayor standing down, it got me more interested," he told *The Profile*.

Eric, who is in his fourth term as president of the Waikawau Boat Ramp Society, has had a variety of jobs, starting as a shepherd on his gran's farm at age 14.

After helping run a New Zealand seed company, he started his own seed business in Cambridge. He then sold the business and spent seven years building hay barns and farm sheds, until the 2006 financial crisis forced the trade into a steep decline.

"I had a beautiful boat that had been sitting in the driveway, but because I'd been working so hard, it had never been used," Eric said. "So, I took up my hobby of fishing as my job, and I came to Thames, got my skippers ticket, and now we run two boats and do about 450 trips a year."

He started his charter fishing company, Snapper Express, in



Eric Carter, who resides in Te Mata, is vying to become TCDC's next Mayor.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

2011, and said his business background would help him if he obtained the district's top job.

"You must have a financial background to know that to spend a dollar and make a dollar is not the same thing. It might sound holistic, but I like to think a mayor looks after the social, cultural, physical, and safety of their community - that, with financial well-being," he said.

"Some people wait years to get a pothole fixed outside their driveway - that's a safety thing, and those things need to be addressed instantly, but there are other major projects that, if we can't afford to do it, should we string ourselves

out in these economic times to do them?"

If successful for the mayoralty, Eric said getting rid of the "highfalutin" style of communication at council was key, while central government's Three Waters proposal for the Coromandel was "an absolute no-go".

"A lot of people want change when they get a new council. The thing about it is, change for change's sake costs more than what it's worth," he said. "Sometimes, we try to reinvent the wheel when all we need to do is balance the wheel to get it back on track."

He also made note of outgoing Mayor Sandra Goudie, and praised

the other mayoral nominees for their "passion" to represent their communities.

"We've had a mayor who has been very hands-on and very out-there and public, and although not everybody agrees with her personal stances, she has actually done some good things in the Coromandel, and I believe a mayor is there to lead people and make decisions," he said.

"So, good luck to everybody, and good on everybody for having the passion to stand for mayor."



In Brief

CANCER SUPPORT EVENT

The Ngatea Lions are holding a fundraising Cancer Support Morning Tea at the Ngatea Memorial Hall at 10am on August 24. All funds raised will support local cancer services as well as the Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton. Entry of \$5 includes a delicious morning tea and there will be door raffles, quickfire raffles and a guest speaker. In past years the Hauraki Plains Lioness Club ran this successful fundraiser, but as they are now closed, the Lions Club of Ngatea will be the organiser.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Chorus is working with Hauraki District Council to bring its cabinet art programme to the district and is calling for designs from local artists. Artists whose designs are chosen will get paid according to the size of the cabinet. Council says it's a great opportunity to help beautify Hauraki streets and promote the work of local artists. More info: chorus.co.nz/community/cabinet-art-programme. Design submissions close August 31.

FREEDOM CAMPING

Thames-Coromandel District Council is currently reassessing which council-managed and owned areas around the Coromandel Peninsula can support freedom camping. Council is calling for feedback on the draft Freedom Camping bylaw, with consultation running until September 2. Under the Freedom Camping Act, freedom camping is allowed anywhere on public land except where it has been either prohibited or restricted.

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CanDo expo set to return

By GORDON PREECE

Universities, polytechnics, industry training organisations (ITO's), defence force and local employers are among those set to present work and education opportunities at a returning careers expo.

The CanDo East Waikato Careers and Employers Expo will be open to the public at the Thames Civic Centre on August 18 after two years of Covid-19 disruptions.

CanDo chairman Warren Sly told *The Profile* he believed all areas of the Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District job market had been “suffering” during the past few years because of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially the hospitality sector.

“We’re going to have quite a good employer representation there with job offers, and people will have the opportunity to come and speak face to face with them which is great,” he said.

“[The exhibitors] are all extremely excited to be coming after everything has been shut down for the past three years.”

Warren said around 35 exhibitors had so far registered



Warren Sly

for the event, which was open to 60 exhibitors.

Busloads of local high school students were expected to attend with the buses financially supported by Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District councils, he said.

“The school’s have found it to be very effective for their students and the expo’s grown over the years,” he said.

“From 3pm we’ll be focused on adult jobs and education opportunities.”

DETAILS: CanDo East Waikato Careers and Employers Expo, Thames Civic Centre, 200 Mary St, August 18, 9am to 6pm, free event, visit www.candothames.org/register-your-stand-now to register a stand, for further information contact Warren Sly, Ph 021 772 351.



Chinwag Cafe members celebrate the opening of Age Concern's new office in Thames.

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Changes afoot for Age Concern

Age Concern New Zealand has launched a new brand to attract new people through the door, but says it remains true to their core business of supporting older kiwis to live their best lives.

Age Concern New Zealand chief executive Karen Billings-Jensen said the brand refresh was timely because the charity had changed significantly since it launched more than 70 years ago. “The makeup of Age Concern’s population has changed too - we’re getting older, living longer, and we’re more diverse than ever before,” she said.

Leadership, mana, and community were the qualities the

new brand represented, she said. “The bold contemporary design uses individual Huia feathers to suggest the mana of our older adults and the leadership role Age Concern takes.

“The circle of three feathers portrays the concept of community, friendship, and respect—all things we value and uphold.”

Age Concern Hauraki-Coromandel therefore has changed its logo to reflect the national connection with Age Concern New Zealand.

However, not only has the logo changed for Age Concern Hauraki-Coromandel, so too has the office address.

The new office is located at the Thames Civic Centre, 200 Mary St, but still has the same postal address and phone number.

The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9am-3pm.

On August 1, the first day open at the Civic Centre, there was on offer coffee, cake and companionship provided by the Chinwag Thames group.

Age Concern New Zealand is a charity dedicated to people over 65, their friends, and whānau. It promotes dignity, wellbeing, equity and respect and provide expert information and support services.

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Leeza Speranskaya will be conducting research into the Kopuatai peat bog.



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Research planned for Kopuatai

Waikato Regional Council has recognised the University of Waikato’s top water sciences student, who has a particular interest in climate change, remediation and restoration.

Leeza Speranskaya, a Russian-born environmental sciences master’s student from Wellington, is researching the hydrology and carbon balances of the internationally recognised Kopuatai peat bog on the Hauraki Plains.

The 21-year-old says her year-long research project will be useful for predicting the effects of climate change on peatland carbon sinks and for informing the restoration of drained peatlands.

“Kopuatai has been shown to be a globally unusual peatland ecosystem due to the abundance of the peat-forming plant Empodisma robustum, which is able to conserve water exceptionally well”

- Leeza Speranskaya

“Kopuatai has been shown to be a globally unusual peatland ecosystem due to the abundance of the peat-forming plant Empodisma robustum, which is able to conserve water exceptionally well by minimising evaporation rates,” says Leeza, who

worked as a policy intern at the Ministry for Primary Industries to help analyse New Zealand greenhouse gases inventory data.

“This enables a high water table and therefore the carbon sink function at Kopuatai to be maintained year-round, even in dry periods.”

The Water Sciences Prize, established in 1990 by Sir Ross Jansen with the University of Waikato Earth Sciences Department, was presented to Leeza at Friday’s council meeting. The water sciences prize of book vouchers worth \$500 is awarded annually to the top student enrolled in level three water science papers within the School of Science.

Pest plan welcomed

With the Waikato boasting the second-largest population of kauri in New Zealand, the regional council is hoping the district will “benefit considerably” from the recently established National Pest Management Plan.

The plan (NPMP) is part of a \$32 million injection of funding into kauri protection over five years, and now management agency Tiakina Kauri will develop a national operational plan to establish regional priorities.

Waikato Regional Council’s integrated catchment management director Greg Ryan said there was \$8 million of funding available each year for the first three years, and he hoped the district would “benefit considerably” from it as it had the second largest population of kauri in New Zealand.

“And, of course, as kauri protection is a national programme and kauri are long-lived taonga that deserve protecting, we’re hopeful that funding will continue and even increase beyond the five years that is currently being planned for.”

Last year, to help prepare for the NPMP, the regional council received \$1.28 million from central government. The Manaia Forest Sanctuary in the Coromandel Peninsula has about 410 of the oldest trees within the kauri distribution area, including the sixth largest kauri tree in New Zealand.

Biosecurity Minister Damien O’Connor said the government had a “duty to ensure this magnificent species endures for future generations”.

“A national plan provides the strongest form of protection from



Kauri trees will benefit from a new pest management plan.

‘dieback’ disease under the Biosecurity Act,” he said. “Māori will be supported to lead kauri protection and funding will be provided to build capacity in iwi, hapu, and whanau to deliver operationally, building on the baseline monitoring and surveillance undertaken in Year One of the plan.

“That will involve assessing canopy health, extensively increasing baseline monitoring, and aerial surveillance to determine where our healthy kauri are to protect, and where our infected kauri are, so we can halt the spread of the disease. It will also allow us to identify areas where we can potentially build kauri protection areas.”

The first tranche of aerial surveys have been completed.

Management agency Tiakina Kauri will now lead the development of the national operational plan, based on learnings from monitoring in the Waitakere Ranges, technical advisory groups, and a series of local meetings to establish regional priorities.

The government will approve the National Operational Plan in October 2022.

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Simple mistake leads to death



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

Charles Taylor lay prone on the floor of his living quarters at the Victoria battery, Waikino.

It was just after midday on December 14, 1923, when he was discovered, and although he had complained of feeling unwell; his workmates were stunned to find he was dead. Charles, 58, was a night foreman at the Waihi Gold Mining Company's Victoria battery and a metallurgist - a mineral expert specialising in the extraction of metals from ore.

His wife and children lived in Auckland but Charles had just arranged for some of his family to move to Waikino, something he was looking forward to greatly.

Constable O'Neill of Katikati, on relief police duty at Waihi, inspected the scene and found beside Charles's body a broken bottle of cyanide.

Charles Taylor, from Lincolnshire, England, had come to New Zealand in 1885 when he was 19. His travels then took



Mr C H Taylor

him to Kimberley and West Australia. He spent 18 months exploring New Guinea. On his return to New Zealand he settled at Thames and worked in the Kuranui mine for six years. He studied at the Thames School of Mines and became superintendent to the Monowai mine at Waiomu. There he found one of the most refractory gold ores ever put through the Cyanide Process of extraction.

Refractory gold ore is one that has ultra fine gold particles spread throughout and is naturally resistant to recovery by standard cyanidation. Charles later became the Superintendent and Metallurgist to the Talisman Gold Mining Company at Karangahake, before moving on to Waikino's Victoria battery.

Charles married Mary Waite in 1890 and they had three children. By 1910 most of his immediate family in England had died – his mother when he was seven, his father when he was 19

and later six of his siblings. His brother Allen had also come to New Zealand and was the owner of Kaikoura Island, adjacent to Great Barrier. While visiting Allen in 1892 they took a whale boat for a cruise around the island when a heavy gust of wind capsized the boat and Allen drowned.

Although Charles's family history was heartbreaking, he appeared to have no worries and it was hard to conclude that he had deliberately taken the cyanide.

John H Griffen Banks, battery superintendent, said Charles had been in the habit of taking a quantity of medicine, and his mantelshelf contained many bottles. Charles was of an experimental turn of mind, and had on occasions shown John samples of ore and pulp. The bottles containing the cyanide solution were probably on the mantelshelf for experimental purposes, and Charles may have inadvertently taken the wrong bottle. If he had decided to take cyanide deliberately he would have been more liable to have taken the pure sodium salts from the works.

The coroner said the case presented unusual features. There was nothing whatever to indicate that Charles intended to take his own life; in fact, he was looking forward to having his family with him at Waikino. His verdict was that death was due to cyanide poisoning, taken accidentally in mistake for medicine. Charles was returned to Auckland and buried at Purewa, Meadowbank.

BOOK REVIEWS

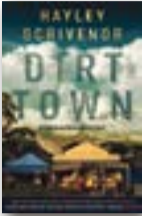


THE CANDY HOUSE by Jennifer Egan

Within a decade, Bix Bouton's new technology, Own Your Unconscious - which allows you access to every memory you've ever had, and to share every memory in exchange for access to the memories of others - has seduced multitudes. But not everyone. In spellbinding linked narratives, Egan spins out the consequences of Own Your Unconscious through the lives of multiple characters whose paths intersect over several decades. With a focus on social media, gaming, and alternate worlds The Candy House is a bold, brilliant imagining of a world that is moments away.

DIRT TOWN by Hayley Scrivenor

On a sweltering Friday afternoon in Durton, best friends Ronnie and Esther leave school together. Esther never makes it home. Ronnie's going to find her, and with the help of Lewis she has a plan. She won't believe in the worst case scenario. Detective Sergeant Sarah Michaels can believe it, she has seen what people are capable of. Character-rich and propulsive, with a breathtakingly original use of voice and revolving points of view, Hayley Scrivenor delves under the surface, where no one can hide. With emotional depth and sensitivity, this stunning debut shows us how much each person matters in a community that is at once falling apart and coming together.

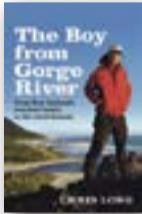


LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY by Bonnie Garmus

It's the early 1960s and Elizabeth Zott's all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one - Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with - of all things - her mind. True chemistry results. But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Meet the unconventional, uncompromising Elizabeth Zott. Brilliant!

THE BOY FROM GORGE RIVER by Chris Long

On the West Coast of the South Island, past deep fiords and snow-capped mountains, Chris Long grew up two days' hike from the nearest road. He was born into the country's most isolated family, his parents committed to freedom from capitalist society and connection to the natural world. In this inspiring memoir, Chris describes a childhood with nature on his doorstep until, in his teenage years, he began to wonder: could he survive in the wider world? A real life, kiwi "boy adventure" story.



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SPORTS

Rugby exhibition kicks off in Paeroa

VALLEY RUGBY

By GORDON PREECE

One hundred years of Paeroa rugby will be on display for an August exhibition at Paeroa and District Historical Society Museum on Belmont Rd.

The exhibition is part of the Thames Valley Rugby Football Union centenary celebrations, which will take place on August 26 and 27.

The exhibition features photographs, newspaper articles, trophies, badges, rugby jerseys and other rugby gear from clubs before and after the rugby union was formed in 1922.

These include memorabilia from Paeroa West, Paeroa East, Netherton, Hikutaia and Karangahake rugby clubs.

Museum president Ron Turrell told *The Profile* museum volunteers Kae Petch, Gaye Cleave and Glenice Williams captained the arrangements for the exhibition.

“They were very good at borrowing things off past rugby players and members and the museum has quite a bit of memorabilia as well, including some badges,” he said.

“They copied the photos because we don’t put any original photos on display, and



Ron Turrell, left, Christine Gilfedder, Gaye Cleave, Kaitlin Russell and Kae Petch at the exhibition’s kick off.

arranged them in chronological order, and they have been working for the past couple of months getting all the equipment together for the exhibition.”

Union community officer Kaitlin Russell, who attended the exhibition opening on August 2, said it was “pretty cool”

to see what was on display.

“It’s good to see someone take an interest in something that’s so old, seeing jerseys which are 60 years old, that’s double my age,” she said.

“With our centenary weekend coming up, something like this we can get out to the public as well is pretty cool.”

Ron said the exhibition would be open Tuesdays to Fridays from noon to 3pm and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm until the exhibition’s final whistle on August 27.

“Come along and have a look, it’s suitable for all ages to see what the rugby of the past was like.”



A selection of jerseys.



Silverware from past clubs.



Rugby boots and ball on display.

Thames Valley rugby union celebrations include an official welcome and the rugby union history book launch on August 26, and a Thames Valley Heartland Championship Match at 1pm at Te Aroha’s Boyd Park on August 27, followed by a dinner at Te Aroha Events Centre.

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Changes to our bylaws

Waste Management Bylaw 2022, Stock Crossing Bylaw 2022, Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2022
After inviting and considering feedback from the public, we have adopted our Waste Management Bylaw 2022, Stock Crossing Bylaw 2022, Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2022 at a Council meeting on Wednesday, 27 July 2022. These bylaws were reviewed under section 156 of the Local Government Act 2002 and will be effective from 1 September 2022.

Revocation of Franklin District Council Livestock on Roads Bylaw 2010
After inviting feedback from the public, we revoked the Franklin District Council Livestock on Roads Bylaw 2010 at the Council meeting on Wednesday, 13 July 2022. This bylaw will cease to be in effect on 1 September 2022.

Administrative changes to Nuisance Bylaw 2019
We have removed clause 3.1 (a) from the Nuisance Bylaw 2019 regarding disposing of rubbish in public rubbish bins, as it is now included in the Waste Management Bylaw 2022. The change is minor and does not affect an existing right, interest, title, immunity or duty, or an existing status or capacity of anyone to whom the bylaw applies.

Copies of our bylaws are available to view on our consultation website <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/>

From 1 September they will be available on our website <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/bylaws/> and at our Council offices.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Alice Sea plays flute, guitar or melodica. Photo: SUPPLIED

Solo artist to perform

Tauranga’s Alice Sea is set to perform an afternoon of mesmerising and varied original music in Thames, as she takes the audience down the rabbit hole of musical mystery.

The show is refreshingly different and very entertaining, using vocals, effects pedals, and an array of wind and percussion instruments - a sound experience from the heart with influences from calypso, Latin, dub, traditional folk and eastern music.

Alice Sea’s solo career emerged in 2015 when she left her previous duo/bands and hit the road with the focus on a career as a solo artist, living in her van and dedicating the next three years fulltime honing her craft. She crafted her own songs, recorded and produced her own albums,

fine-tuned her musicianship skills, and played shows which took her around Europe and New Zealand.

Her singer-song-writer busking roots form the basis of her catchy songs, layered with vocal harmonies and hooks that she plays on flute, guitar or melodica. The vast array of world and dance music that inspires her shines through in her music, in a show which takes you around the world with numerous musical styles.

This is a not-to-be missed show as Alice couples her impressive musicianship with her fantastic stage presence and entertainment skills.

DETAILS: Alice will perform at the Kauaeranga Hall on August 28 at 2:30pm.

Chickpea and Cashew curry

RECIPE

This recipe is a winter favourite of mine that I adapted from a recipe I found back in 2017.

It has come out every year, about this time ever since, and sometimes I add chicken thighs at the beginning, or prawns for the last few minutes.

It always involves lots of vegies however, and this version is my family’s favourite. The masala paste is a great one - full of flavour and depth and it really makes this curry sing... I hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

- Jaki, Savour & Spice

- INGREDIENTS**
- Masala Paste**
- ½ cup raw cashews
 - 3 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
 - 2 tablespoons of fresh ginger chopped
 - 2 tablespoons of tomato paste
 - 5 tablespoons of olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon each of ground cumin, coriander, garam masala, turmeric, chilli flakes, and cardamon
 - Oil for sauteing
 - 2 onions
 - 1 teaspoon sea salt
 - 2 cups pumpkin, kumara or potato cut into bite size pieces (or a combo)
 - 2 cups vegetable (or chicken) stock
 - ½ cup coconut cream
 - 2 x 400g tins of chickpeas rinsed and drained
 - 1 tsp cinnamon
 - Large bunch of spinach or kale, roughly chopped



This chickpea and cashew curry is a family favourite that comes out every year. Photo: SUPPLIED

Steamed rice or quinoa to serve

METHOD

Place all the masala paste ingredients into a food processor and blend to a smooth paste.

Heat some oil in a large sauté pan and gently cook the onions and salt for 10 minutes or so without browning. Add in the masala paste and vegetables, and continue to cook and combine for a further 10 minutes until all is coated and fragrant.

Add the stock, coconut cream, chickpeas and cinnamon. Bring to a rolling simmer then reduce the heat and cook for 25 minutes or so, stirring every now and then.

Add the spinach or kale and cook for a further five minutes before serving with rice or quinoa, a dollop of chutney and natural yoghurt, with poppadom’s on the side.

A scattering of fresh coriander is also great.



Just swallow that winter pill
By Christine Forster

The shortest day now passed
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The longest night has well elapsed

– it offers no illusion.
The winter solstice (never revered)
has arrived and surely passed
And true winter should be nearly
over, but seems to forever last!

But fear not my friends – each
morning with that alarm bell
peal.
When unseen hands just grope
the light with clumsiness unreal.
The dog is whining on the porch,
deserving stomach to be fed.

Wouldn’t it be great to hibernate
or stay just one day in bed?

But necessity I say to all is the
mother of invention.
To earn a crust now has to be the
sole and best intention.
Rain, in waterfall proportions, is
solid on my window pane.
How does one keep up and positively
play the motivation game?
Now, there is a pill today it seems
for all that one can suffer.

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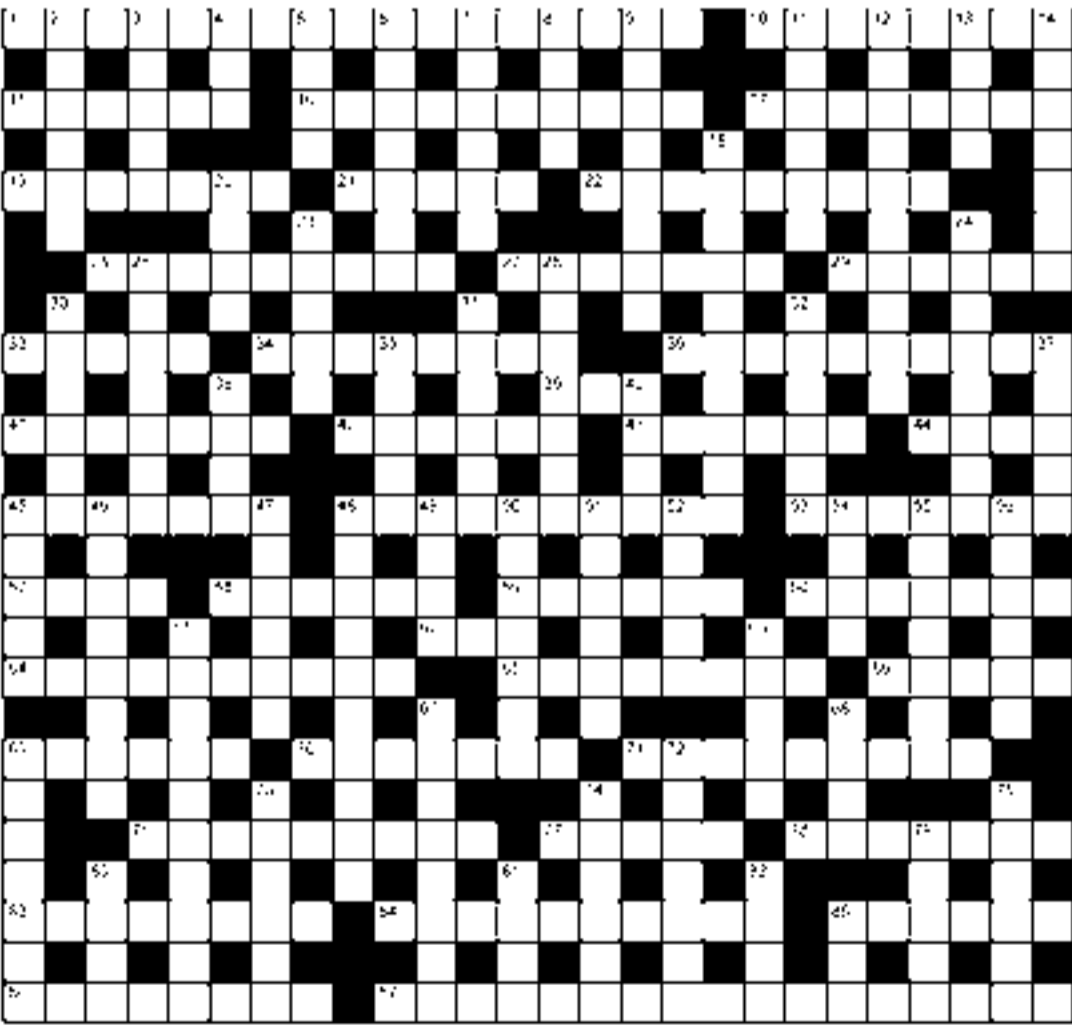
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- ACROSS**

1 Near death; very old (3,4,2,3,5)
10 Not scared (8)
15 Accompany (6)
16 Participate in or undergo (10)
17 Sired (8)
19 Make agitated, confused (7)
21 Feebly humorous (5)
22 Transport for injured (9)
25 Butter substitute (9)
27 Bent (7)
29 Polish composer (6)
33 Glossy fabric (5)
34 Orators (8)
36 Decorative needlework (10)
39 Sphere (3)
41 At top speed (4,3)
42 Remove bones from (6)
43 Window shade (6)
44 Opinion (4)
45 Brilliant red (7)
48 Increased or developed rapidly (10)
53 Comes to pass (7)
57 Boulder (4)
58 Mooring cable (6)
59 Shared (6)
60 Mollify (7)
62 A metal (3)
64 Coffin escorter (10)
65 Scholastic (8)
66 Playing card (5)
69 Stock feed (6)
- 70 General pardon (7)
71 Protest (9)
76 Genuine (9)
77 Humorist (5)
78 Curt (7)
83 Flying (8)
84 Stirs the feelings, emotions of (10)
85 Meagre (6)
86 Signed up (8)
87 Receive rapturous applause (5,3,5,4)

DOWN

2 Snuggle (6)
3 Teeth-cleaning thread (5)
4 Not at home (3)
5 Notion (4)
6 Violent tropical storm (7)
7 Wayward (6)
8 Coral bank (4)
9 Profession (8)
11 Subtle difference (6)
12 Temperature scale (10)
13 Well ventilated (4)
14 Ire (7)
18 Resolute (10)
20 Advantage (4)
23 Thin pancake (5)
24 Desire for food, drink (8)
26 Pilot (7)
28 Rice dish (7)
30 Pungent bulb (6)
31 Prosperity (6)
32 Battlefield ditch (6)
35 Farewell (5)
- 37 Shows tiredness or boredom (5)
38 Artifice (4)
40 Soothing ointment (4)
45 Thick sweet liquid (5)
46 Strong praise (8)
47 Drink sachet (3,3)
48 Brains behind a scheme (10)
49 Arrange by categories (4)
50 Scrap, leftover (7)
51 Bandit (6)
52 Thrill (5)
54 Confederate (4)
55 Small flute (7)
56 Spice (6)
61 Grovelling (10)
63 Metal joiner (5)
67 Official list of names (8)
68 Celebrity (4)
69 Ceremonial trumpet call (7)
72 Fragile (7)
73 Complain peevishly (6)
74 Drinking vessel (6)
75 Rabbit hole (6)
79 Cold dish (5)
80 Spoken or verbal (4)
81 Portent (4)
82 Capital of Norway (4)
85 Infection liquid (3)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Rude awakening, 8 Bypass, 14 Flare, 15 Educates, 16 Nuptial, 17 Stile, 18 Pal, 19 Trilled, 21 Pollution, 22 Hiatus, 25 Porcupines, 27 Pregnant, 28 Jet lag, 31 Stolen, 33 Ignites, 34 Silage, 35 Ford, 37 Imp, 39 Clap, 40 Include, 41 Notorious, 42 Rigging, 43 Announce, 48 Tapestry, 52 Prosper, 56 Harmonica, 57 Equal to, 58 Urge, 59 Toe, 60 Drop, 61 Sneaky, 62 Dresser, 63 Repute, 65 Basket, 66 Golf ball, 68 Intimidate, 71 Annual, 72 Degrading, 74 Fervour, 76 Row, 79 Empty, 80 Fuchsia, 81 Hornpipe, 83 Error, 84 Meteor, 85 Look forward to.

DOWN: 2 Undergo, 3 Excel, 4 Wet, 5 Kiss, 6 Non-poisonous, 7 Nepal, 8 Balloon, 9 Push, 10 Spirit, 11 Warps, 12 Feeling, 13 Distressing, 14 Feather, 20 Expansion, 23 Encircle, 24 Inking, 26 Calypso, 27 Potter, 29 Lookout, 30 Agatha, 32 Talon, 34 Split, 36 Dusty, 38 True, 43 Aphid, 44 Nervous, 45 Upon, 46 Client, 47 Booty, 48 Tolerate, 49 Programme, 50 Stumped, 51 Right, 52 Parasol, 53 Paediatrics, 54 Reveal, 55 Question mark, 64 Meander, 65 Barrier, 67 Feel for, 69 Trumpet, 70 Magpie, 71 Aware, 73 Disco, 75 Viper, 77 Tyre, 78 Shoo, 82 Raw.

SPORTS

Waka ama worlds quest ‘mind-boggling’

WAKA AMA

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

Seven young waka ama paddlers are in London this month for a “once in a lifetime experience” doing what they love among the world’s best.

The Te Au Hirere crew from the Te Āputa Tira Hoe waka ama club, based in Turua and Te Puru, are in the UK for the IVF Va’a World Elite and Club Sprint Championships, on now until August 16.

Hauraki Plains College students Manaia Taipari, 16; Toki Rangitawa, 17; Konnah Te Are-Bayly, 16; Matthew Strickland, 16; and Te Rongopai Pompey, 15 are joined by Kereama Tututa from Taranaki, and Zyrus Marriott from Ngāruawāhia.

“The majority of them haven’t been on a plane before, let alone overseas,” club chairperson Frank Thorne told *The Profile*.

Frank and his wife Carrie Taipari, who coaches the crew alongside Hikoi Taipari, co-established the club with members of the local Māori Community in Te Puru in 2014.

He said the paddlers’ journey to get to the champs was “mind-boggling and amazing”.

“It’s huge because, as a small



Te Au Hirere is competing at the IVF Va’a World Elite and Club Sprint Championships. Photo: SUPPLIED

club, our number one intention is to just get people on the water, so for them to be competing at a world level is a once in a lifetime experience.

“They also realise that they’re doing it for their community, their families, and that’s a lot of pressure but it’s something that they’re keen to make the most of.”

Te Au Hirere trained to compete at a national event in January with the intention of vying for a spot at worlds.

They underwent regular fitness testing and hours of training on and off the water, and in April, the crew qualified to compete. The team is managed by Aroha Pokaia and Oriana Rangi, and to send the complete 11-strong crew to worlds, they needed to raise around \$42,000.

To achieve this, the paddlers spent their weekends working

on community projects, painting a house, helping out at schools, and handing out raffles, Frank said.

“I’m very proud - over the moon, actually. For them to understand what competition is like; to be around some of the greatest paddlers and also paddle against them and give them a good run for their money... but also, that world experience, how that changes them, not only as young men, but as they come back into the club is just awesome.”

Frank got his own taste of national competition when he was 16-years-old. He said back then, there were only around five clubs that had youth teams, and it was great to see the sport continue to grow in New Zealand.

“Now there’s almost 100 clubs,” he said. “It’s almost impossible to comprehend that 20 years ago it was nothing like this. Now, it’s getting bigger, it’s more creative, more exciting, and it’s a proud moment.”

DETAILS: Te Au Hirere will compete at the IVF Va’a World Elite and Club Sprint Championships between August 8-16 in London. They will return home on August 24.



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