

Patrolling officers witness Thames ram-raid, P2

# The Valley Profile

100% THAMES

100% LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED

626 Pollen Street 07 868 6124

ISSN 2703-5700

HAURAKI PLAINS - THAMES - THAMES COAST - PAEROA - WAIHĪ - EVERY WEDNESDAY 083 August 17, 2022

## Award for romance writer

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

You don't have to be romantic to be a romance writer, says Waihi's newest award-winning author, just construct a good plot and a happy ending.

Shirley Wine is an author of more than 20 novels specialising in rural and small town romances "with an edge".

She wrote two books in 2021, one of them being *Autumn Shadows*, which this month clinched the national Koru Award for a novel of more than 65,000 words.

The Koru Award is run by Romance Writers of New Zealand and is a readers' choice award aimed at recognising excellence in romance writing within the country.

The book's blurb reads: "The last person Gemma Halliday expects to arrive on her doorstep in the middle of a family crisis is Ben McGlade, the SAS soldier with whom she shared one stolen night of passion.

"Honouring a promise he made to Gemma's brother, a fellow SAS soldier, to watch out for his sister in his absence, Ben bears news of a threat against her and her child.

"Determined to protect the woman he can't forget, Ben vows to keep her and her infant son safe despite the memories of their night together that simmer beneath the surface."

The novel is Book Two in Shirley's Deep South series, and winning the award has made her an "overnight suc-

cess" after more than 30 years putting pen to paper, she says.

"I gave my mother my first book and she always said: 'If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing properly'. So, I gave it to her and said: 'It's a bit sexy', and she just looked me in the eye and said: 'How do you think you got here?'"

When writing romance, Shirley draws upon her own life experiences. She was born on a farm, lived on a farm, and married a farmer. She met her husband Martin when she was just 16-years-old.

For "many years" she wrote the Country Comment column for *NZ Herald*.

"I've had a huge and varied life, and it's not always been happy, but it's definitely not always been sad," she says.

"We've suffered a lot of grief in our life, and writing has literally saved my sanity."

Shirley became a member of Romance Writers of New Zealand in 1996 and has sold books to Harper Collins and also "indie publishers" her works online. They can be read on Amazon, Kobo, Barnes and Noble, and Apple.

Still, Shirley says she deals with "imposter syndrome".



Romance novelist Shirley Wine has won a Koru Award for her book.

LEFT: Shirley with her husband Martin.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU



"I still feel that I'm not a real writer," she says. "But the thing with writing is, it's like getting up and cleaning your teeth. You have to write every day."

But Shirley, who "can't stand stupid heroines", says you don't have to be a romantic person to be able to write romance novels. There is a raft of off-shoots within the genre,

such as romantic suspense, sweet romance, and sci-fi romance.

Shirley specialises in contemporary romance, and says she doesn't rely on sex to sell her books. It's all about the good plot and happy ending.

Shirley writes her romance novels from her home in Waihi. Quite often, she's sitting in the living room when she poses a question to Martin.

"I'll say: 'How does this sound, or, what do you think I should do here?'" she says.

"He's a sounding board... and my number one cheerleader."

She and Martin will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in April next year, and the pair seem to know a thing or two about true love.

"I believe in romance," Shirley says, "because I have my own hero at home."

**DETAILS: Shirley's books can be found on her website: [www.shirleywine.com](http://www.shirleywine.com).**



We all know the drill...

RED is a NO



GREEN is a GO



Phone us today

0800 4 MY BIN (0800 469 246)

[www.smartenvironmental.co.nz](http://www.smartenvironmental.co.nz)



smart environmental

**CONTACT US**

The *Valley Profile* delivers 100% local news each Wednesday to every letterbox in Hauraki Plains, Paeroa, Waihi, Thames, Thames Coast and surrounding rural areas, plus bulk distribution Peninsula-wide, reaching approximately 35,000 readers.

**NEWS/EDITORIAL**

**Publisher/Editor Teresa Ramsey**  
Ph 0204 0944 853  
editor@valleyprofile.co.nz  
**Senior Reporter Kelley Tantau**  
Ph 022 619 4889  
kelley@valleyprofile.co.nz  
**Reporter Gordon Preece**  
Ph 022 174 3988  
gordon@valleyprofile.co.nz

**ADVERTISING**

**Ad manager Nikki Sanders**  
Ph 022 1303 885  
Email: nikki@valleyprofile.co.nz  
**MISSED PAPERS/ADMIN**  
Ph 021 100 8709  
Email: admin@valleyprofile.co.nz

**2 QUEEN ST, PAEROA**  
**Ph 07 862 7077**  
[www.valleyprofile.co.nz](http://www.valleyprofile.co.nz)



Hi, my name is Pete the Pukeko and I'm here to help you. Find me in one of the display advertisements in *The Valley Profile*, then email admin@valleyprofile.co.nz with your full name and postal address, and the business name and page number of the ad by the following Monday to go in the draw to win a Lotto ticket. Last week it was in the Quinn Engineering ad.

# Patrolling officers witness ram-raid

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

Patrolling police officers saw a potentially-stolen car drive into a Thames store, reverse, and drive into another store in an alleged ram-raid attempt last week.

A 20-year-old driver was quickly apprehended and Waikato East Area Commander Inspector Dean Anderson said he was pleased with the result.

“Our staff work hard to hold those who participate in unlawful behaviour to account. We acknowledge the concern and harm this type of offending causes in our community and it will not be tolerated,” he told *The Profile*.

“Staff have focused hard on preventative patrols within commercial premises in our towns, given the frequency of recent ram raid type offences across the country and the im-

pact this has on business owners and the community.”

The incident occurred around 2.20am on August 10. The offender allegedly targeted Thames Jewellers and the neighbouring Sunburst Coffee Lounge, on Pollen St.

He will appear in Thames District Court on burglary related charges later this month.

*“We acknowledge the concern and harm this type of offending causes in our community and it will not be tolerated”*

- Dean Anderson

It was earlier reported that the man was from the Auckland area, and it was Paeroa police who apprehended him.

Inspector Anderson said patrols were just one of many responsibilities that fell within an officer's daily duties, with officers deployed from around the district according to demand.

“Patrols provide reassurance to our communities and help to keep our people safe. Calls for service are responded to according to priority and availability of units at the time. This includes deploying staff from



Thames Jewellers and Sunburst Coffee Lounge in Pollen St, Thames, were ram raided last week.

Photos: GORDON PREECE

other areas to assist where needed,” he said.

“I acknowledge we cannot be everywhere at once, and we need local communities to help us address unlawful behaviour in our region.”

**DETAILS: Police encourage people to report any suspicious behav-**

**our. If you feel unsafe, do not hesitate to call Police on 111 if the incident is happening now, or 105 after the fact, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously, Ph 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-nz.org.**



## Kent Wood Fires



VERMICULITE FIREBOX  
**15 YEAR WARRANTY**  
**KENT**  
wood fires & heating

**We are your local Kent indoor wood fire dealer.** For over 40 years Kent wood fires have been heating New Zealand homes, creating a warm, cosy haven that Kiwi's look forward to enjoying. Designed in New Zealand for your New Zealand home, Kent indoor wood fires come with a 15 year warranty, backed by service and support at your doorstep.

## READ BROS.

EST. 1867  
Hardware

**COME & SEE US for all your wood fire and heating needs.**  
Flue cleaning kits - Fire guards - Wood baskets - Kindling - Fire lighters - Replacement parts - Electric Heaters

**SEE MORE AT**  
[www.readbros.co.nz](http://www.readbros.co.nz)  
**308 Pollen St, Thames**  
**07 868 6608**

## Chartered Accountants

### The Hauraki Taxation Service Limited

- For out of town independent accounting advice
- Established 1982
- Approved agents for Inland Revenue Department
- Offices in Thames & Coromandel Town



**328 Pollen Street, Thames**  
**Ph/Fax: 07 868-9710**

**E:thames@haurakitaxation.co.nz**

**95 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel**  
**Ph/Fax: 07 866-8660**

**E:coro@haurakitaxation.co.nz**

## Thames Tides

Wed Aug 17		Thu Aug 18		Fri Aug 19		Sat Aug 20		Sun Aug 21		Mon Aug 22		Tue Aug 23					
Morning	4:44am 0.4	Afternoon	5:00pm 0.6	Morning	5:30am 0.6	Afternoon	5:49pm 0.8	Morning	12:15am 3.4	Afternoon	12:34pm 3.2	Morning	1:03am 3.2	Afternoon	1:26pm 3.1		
	10:59am 3.5		11:27pm 3.5		11:46am 3.4		6:16am 0.7		7:05am 0.8		7:39pm 1.1		7:58am 1.0		8:41pm 1.2		
Sunrise	7:00am	Sunset	5:45pm	Sunrise	6:59am	Sunset	5:46pm	Sunrise	6:57am	Sunset	5:47pm	Sunrise	6:56am	Sunset	5:47pm		
Best At	4:11am	Best At	4:33pm	Best At	4:56am	Best At	5:19pm	Best At	5:42am	Best At	6:05pm	Best At	6:29am	Best At	6:53pm		
Moon	Set 9:53am	Moon	Rise 11:24pm	Moon	Set 10:21am	Moon	Rise 12:27am	Moon	Set 10:50am	Moon	Rise 12:27am	Moon	Set 11:24am	Moon	Rise 1:29am	Moon	Set 11:24am

\*Not for navigational purposes. Graphic supplied by OceanFun Publishing Ltd. www.tidewiz.com www.tidespy.com www.ofu.co.nz

**MOON AND FISH KEYS**

● New Moon    ● First Quarter    ● Full Moon    ● Last Quarter

🐟 Good Fishing    🐟 Fair Fishing    🐟 Not So Good

**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	Min	Hr	Min
Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04
Whitianga	-0	02	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	07	-0	07
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

# Hauraki teen's 'humbling' bike project

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

Jaymee Davies is a 15-year-old juggling school work, playing club netball, coaching and crossfitting.

On top of all that, she runs a Bikes for Youth initiative that has benefitted a number of students in low socioeconomic areas of South Auckland.

Jaymee, the daughter of Senior Sergeant Richard Davies, helps put donated and refurbished bikes in the hands of kids in need, to encourage and inspire them to learn.

"I make whatever I need to work around it because [Bikes for Youth] is important to me," she told *The Profile*.

Jaymee, who lived in South Auckland before she and her family moved to Maramarua, saw a New Zealand Police social media post around two years ago, which showed off a bikes initiative in Whanganui run by Senior Constable Jason Page.

She made contact with Jason and was inspired to find a way to benefit the community she grew up in. The idea was formed to put bikes in schools so that teachers could use them "as a reward system".

"The kids have quite low attendance rates, so if they came to school, put in the effort, then they could take the bike home for the weekend but they have



Jaymee Davies hands a bike over to Josh (left), alongside Constable Mike Cornelius and Commissioner Andrew Coster.

Photo: SUPPLIED

to return on Monday," Jaymee said.

The bikes could also be used for education purposes and to get students to sports training.

Jaymee said this simple initiative had already displayed far-reaching benefits.

"These schools have 200-300 kids in them, and five bikes can make a difference to 300 lives, which is just surreal," she said. "To us, a secondhand bike might just be a piece of junk, but to them, with a little bit of time put

in by our bike mechanic, it can change everything. It just shows how much we take for granted."

The bikes are donated by the community and sit between two police stations. Qualified bike mechanic Constable Mike Cornelius repairs and cleans the bikes in his own time, and has so far completed more than 20.

Bikes that aren't in good nick are stripped and the parts are used on other bikes, Jaymee said.

Recently, the efforts of Bikes

for Youth were celebrated by NZ Police when Police Commissioner Andrew Coster met with Jaymee at the Pukekohe Police Station.

A 13-year-old called Josh had his bike stolen while he treated his friends to lunch at McDonalds. He had bought the bike - his pride and joy - with money he had saved up and with a contribution from his dad, Aaron.

Staff at Pukekohe Police Station were able to call on Jaymee's Bikes for Youth project,

and a replacement was found for Josh. The day he called in to receive it, Commissioner Andrew Coster was visiting the station and was able to take part in the handover.

Jaymee said these kinds of moments were humbling.

"It had been a couple of weeks before we managed to get a bike back into [Josh's] hands, and his dad said that Josh thought the Police would be too busy and that it didn't matter. But it does matter," she said.

Jaymee, who is in Year 11 at Hauraki Plains College, said she spends as much time as she needs managing Bikes for Youth. She said she was "so lucky" to have the support of her parents, the police, and her school dean, Mr Anish Chand.

She also thanked Inspector Amber Stobie and Area Commander Dave Glossop for their background work, and Bikes for Youth ambassador Mark Leaver. "We eventually want Bikes for Youth to get bigger and move around the country, and there are a few other things we're looking into, but for that to happen we do need to seek permanent sponsorship."

**DETAILS: Email [bikesforyou21@gmail.com](mailto:bikesforyou21@gmail.com), or donate: [givealittle.co.nz/cause/bikes-for-youth-1](http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/bikes-for-youth-1).**





**THAMES COLLISION REPAIRS**

- \* For prompt and professional service
- \* Thames-Coromandel's best equipped panel paint shop
- \* Experience some of New Zealand's top craftsmen working on your car
- \* Loan Cars available

If you love your car phone us now or pop in for a quote.

Phone 868 9300

115 Jellicoe Crescent, Thames  
(behind the Elim Church)





LA Z BOY

Get Comfy **SALE**

**25% off\***  
all La-Z-Boy!



LIMITED TIME ONLY \*T&C's apply. Participating stores only. Please see in-store for more details or go to [la-z-boy.co.nz](http://la-z-boy.co.nz)

**BAXTERS**

**FURNITURE & BEDS R US**

205 SEALEY ST, THAMES | PH 07 868 6128

LA Z BOY FURNITURE GALLERY

*Live life Comfortably.*

# Education

## Inline hockey players off to United States

### INLINE HOCKEY

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

Three teenage inline hockey players hailing from Waihi have made the national under 16 team and will head to America to compete.

Zac Williams, Ryan Williams, and Connor Adams have made the New Zealand Bantams inline hockey squad after two successful weekends of trials.

The boys are all students at Waihi College and had their start in the sport with local club, The Waihi Miners.

While Ryan still plays for the club, based from the Waihi Events Centre in Haszard St, Connor and Zac now represent the Hamilton Devils.

According to Inline Hockey New Zealand, the sport, which the boys said was like “ice hockey on wheels”, had its origins in the United States.

The sport quickly spread to other countries and was now played extensively in Europe, North America, South America, Asia, and Australasia.

The first New Zealand Inline Hockey open tournament was held in May, 1995, and New Zealand first qualified for a place in the World Championships in 1999.

Zac, Ryan, and Connor will head to America in January, 2023, for the North American Roller Hockey Championships.



Zac Williams, left, Ryan Williams, and Connor Adams have made the New Zealand Bantams inline hockey squad.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

The event had its beginnings back in 1994, and with three of the 11 New Zealand-wide players selected for the Bantams being from Waihi College, it was evident the Hauraki town produced talented inline hockey athletes.

Ryan, 14, said it was likely due to players being able to pick up a stick at a young age.

“It’s for beginners, but you come up against teams that have been playing for a while, so you have to get better to go up levels.”

Inline hockey is different to field or ice hockey in that there are only five players, including the goalkeeper, from each team on the rink at a time.

Although the boys said inline

had “less contact” than ice hockey, due to its faster game play it could still be a high-adrenaline, physical sport.

In one instance, Ryan, an attacker, successfully scored a goal but skated straight into the side of the post, shattering a tooth. Zac and Connor, who are both goalies, also said they have had

“lots of shots to the head”.

But overall, they encouraged people to get in touch with their local inline hockey club, and said the sport had allowed them to meet new people and play overseas.



WAIHI  
COLLEGE

### Waihi College celebrated their Ball in style this year, hosting the event at the Waihi Beach Surf Club.

The theme was House of Cards and the surf Club was decorated with balloons, dice, cards and lighting in red, black and white – it looked spectacular and the students found it so exciting to have the Ball in such a gorgeous venue.

[www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)



Event Production Services were in charge of the amazing lighting, sound and staging and hired DJ Matt Hicks to be part of their crew for the night. The lights, which were in keeping with the red, black and white colour scheme, shone all through the venue and out onto the beach lighting up the waves and sand through out the night. DJ Matt Hicks had an awesome set, keeping everyone dancing the night way. Security guards from First Security in Tauranga ensured the students were safe and happy and the team from Classic Photo Booths were busy as always. The Surf Club crew worked hard in the kitchen dishing out awesome nibbles, in the bar serving Tropical Splash and Blue Lagoon mocktails, in the cloak bay looking after people’s precious belongings and out and about securing the grounds. They were all brilliant and it made for a fun, easy and relaxed night under the close eye of event organiser Wendy Shave; Waihi College’s



Communications Officer and Arts Coordinator. It was really lovely to hear such positive feed back about the Waihi College students, with comments all round about the kids thanking them and being so fun and easy to be around.

There were plenty of photos taken on the night – the ever popular Photo Booth was set up on the deck and had a queue all night, there were entrance photos taken by our amazing balloon arch and formal photos set up in a room off to the side (both expertly decorated by some talented Waihi College students and fantastic Art teacher). To top it off, we also had wandering photography catching the moves on the dance floor. They will all be uploaded over the next wee while onto our website and you will find them in the School Photos section under Keeping Informed ([www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)). Remember, you don’t need a Dropbox account to view them (nor do you need to be added to the Waihi College Photos Dropbox Team); just click on the link and choose the ‘CONTINUE TO WEBSITE’ option. More photos will be coming, so check back regularly.



Thanks to all the Waihi College staff, students and hired crews who helped make it such a fantastic evening. Already looking forward to next year!



For all things Waihi College, head to their website and check out the Keeping Informed section. From there you’ll find Latest News, Daily Notices, Calendar, Photos and Newsletters too <https://www.waihicol.school.nz/>

# Mayor Adams unopposed

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

It'll be "business as usual" for Toby Adams, because while seven candidates are set to vie for the top job in Thames-Coromandel, the Hauraki Mayor has been re-elected unopposed.

Candidate nominations for the local body elections - which has its voting day on October 8 - closed on Friday, and as of August 15, more than a half dozen of mayoral hopefuls for Thames-Coromandel put their name in the hat.

The spot is guaranteed to be filled by a newcomer after current Thames-Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie announced she would not stand again this year. Candidates are: Eric Carter; John Freer; Len Salt; Peter Pinkham; Cherie Staples; Ron Julian; and Steve Hart.

In contrast, no one except current mayor Toby Adams submitted a nomination to lead the Hauraki district.

It was an outcome Mayor Adams said was confusing, but humbling.

"It's humbling that people have felt you've done a decent enough job that nobody wants to run against you," he told *The Profile*.

"Also, the election period is a really challenging period for councils and councillors, but for me now, I can just carry on, business as usual."

There is a decent spread of new and returning names in the mix for councillors for the district's three wards.

Four councillors will be elected for the Paeroa ward. Candidates are: Melba Pakinga; Paul Milner; Rino Wilkinson; Jo Tilsley; Carole Anne Daley; and Mike Bennett.

Four councillors will also be elected for the Plains ward. Candidates are: Ray Broad; Luke van Vliet; Phillip Buckthought; Peter Martin; Neil Gray; Stephen Crooymans; and Megan Sargent.

Five councillors will be elected for the



Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams has been re-elected unopposed. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Waihi ward. Candidates are: Austin Ratray; Sara-Ann Howell; Anne Marie Spicer; Sarah Holmes; Josh Martyn; Bhavesh Ranchhod; and Amanda May Ryan.

Across in the Thames ward for Thames-Coromandel District Council, where three councillors will be elected, standing for a second term is Robyn Sinclair and Martin Rodley. They are joined by Peter Revell; Warren Sly; Jenny Arnold; Patrick O'Brien; and Phillip Bridge.

Four nominees will also be elected for the Thames Community Board. Candidates are: Rob Johnston; Holly MacKenzie; Kishan Raikwar; Chris Dale; Adrian Catran; Kara-Leah Grant; Fiona Cameron; and Peter Thomas.

Meanwhile, Waikato Regional Council's representative for Thames-Coromandel will be a choice between two candidates: Warren Maher and Denis Tegg.

Voting day for this year's local body elections is on October 8, but voting can be done from September 16, if enrolled.

DETAILS: Info at [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz)



## "Good For Thames"

# Vote

# PETER REVELL

## Councillor for Thames



"Currently on the Thames Community Board, I now stand for Council to bring experience, openness, and integrity in making decisions that are Good for Thames.

I will be a voice for our community."

M: 021 912 993

E: [revellp@gmail.com](mailto:revellp@gmail.com)

F: [facebook.com/Revell4Council](https://facebook.com/Revell4Council)

Authorised by Peter Revell, 156 Kauraranga Valley Rd, Thames

# Anniversary SALE

**BEST BUY!**

**PUREFLEX**  
Queen mattress + Base

WAS \$2500  
**NOW \$1250**

All sizes available

**60% OFF**

**POSTURE REST PLUSH**  
Queen mattress + Base

WAS \$5363  
**NOW \$2145**

All sizes available

**50% OFF**

**EUROPAEDIC**  
Queen mattress + Base

WAS \$5170  
**NOW \$2585**

All sizes available

**FREE** Gel Pillows  
**FREE** Mattress Protector  
**FREE** Pillow Protector

**COMBO DEAL!**

**GRANDEUR ORTHO PLUSH**  
Queen mattress + Base

WAS \$9998  
**NOW \$4999**

All sizes available

Shop 22, Goldfields Shopping Centre, Thames  
Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm / Sat 9am - 4pm / Sun 10am - 3pm Ph: 07 868 3332

Beds4U reserve the right to amend any misprints or error within this advertisement. Price subject to mattress and base only.

# BEDS4U

.co.nz  
Your local sleep experts

# OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

17 August, 2022

## Local Elections 2022

**The candidate nomination period has closed and you can check out who the candidates are for Mayor, Councillors, and Community Board Members on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/election](https://tcdc.govt.nz/election)**

Keep your eye out on that page for any 'meet the candidate' sessions coming up, for your chance to quiz the candidates on their policies and values.

**Live in Thames-Coromandel District?** Make sure you're registered on the Parliamentary Roll to vote if you're eligible. If you're registered already and didn't receive a letter from the Electoral Commission, you can go to their website, [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) to doublecheck your details. If you're not already registered to vote, you'll have to come into

one of our Council offices to apply for a special vote.

**Own a property here but don't live here?** You can enrol to vote as a Ratepayer Elector if you're on the Parliamentary Roll. Fill out the Ratepayer Electoral Enrolment Form and return it to Election Services by email or post by 7 October. You'll still have to come into one of our Council offices to apply for a special vote.

Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available on our website at [tcdc.govt.nz/election](https://tcdc.govt.nz/election) at our Council offices, or phone the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

### SPORT, RECREATION AND PLAY IN THE DISTRICT

Help shape what play, sport and recreation facilities are available in the district.

Take five minutes to fill in Sport Waikato and our Council's survey about what facilities you use and want before the end of August, through this link: [bit.ly/3vmMmMO](https://bit.ly/3vmMmMO)

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS TO US!**

We want to hear about the places you are active in Thames-Coromandel and what could be improved!



### FREEDOM CAMPING

Allowed? Restricted? Prohibited?

HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR DRAFT NEW BYLAW  
29 JULY TO 2 SEPTEMBER



[tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw](https://tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw)

We're reassessing what Council managed and owned areas around the Coromandel can support freedom camping, and we want your feedback on it.

Our Council welcomes responsible freedom campers who are here to explore all the wonderful things the Coromandel has to offer.

To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to enjoy the scenery and amenities such as car parking at popular locations, we need to make sure we have some practical rules in place.

That's why we'd like you to have your say on the draft Freedom Camping bylaw. Our consultation runs from 29 July to 2 September.

One of the proposals we're making for the Thames Ward is to allow freedom camping at the Tararu Cultural Arts Centre. Freedom camping would only be allowed in the southeast end of the car park (blue area on the map to the right) in a designated area for a maximum of four vehicles.



Go to [tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw](https://tcdc.govt.nz/freedomcampingbylaw) to find out more and have your say online, or pick up a submission form at one of our Council offices.



Our Mayor Sandra Goudie, our new Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie and Ōpōtiki District Mayor Lyn Riesterer.

### Welcome to our new CE, Aileen Lawrie

Our Council's new Chief Executive, Aileen Lawrie, was welcomed to the district in a pōwhiri on 8 August.

Ms Lawrie comes to the Coromandel after 12 years as Chief Executive of Ōpōtiki District Council where she drove forward large-scale projects in aquaculture, housing and cycleway developments – work that aligns well with initiatives we have underway in those sectors.



An aerial shot of the site where the new facility will be built.

### KŌPŪ MARINE PRECINCT BUILD ON ITS WAY

Our Council has signed off for contractors to proceed with the multi-million dollar build, which includes a commercial slipway, commercial wharf and pontoon and haulage access area, a new public recreational boat ramp, parking area, along with a new access road (King Street) linking Queen St and Kōpū Quay.

A spade-turning ceremony is planned for mid-September. Road construction will begin in October, with the build expected to be finished by April 2024.

The major contracts are being awarded to Fulton Hogan, who will start roading (civil works) in October, and Heron Construction for the maritime infrastructure. Local sub-contractors will also be used as much as possible throughout the build.

The result will be a massive piece of infrastructure that will enable commercial opportunities, while also benefitting recreational users. Many jobs will be created during the construction, with the potential for dozens of long-term jobs once the build is finished.

[tcdc.govt.nz/kopumarineprecinct](https://tcdc.govt.nz/kopumarineprecinct)

**Creative Communities Scheme**

**Funding available for local arts groups & projects**

[tcdc.govt.nz/ccs](https://tcdc.govt.nz/ccs)

### FUNDING FOR LOCAL ARTS GROUPS & PROJECTS

Local art groups and creative projects across the Coromandel are being offered a helping hand with funding from the Creative Communities Scheme.

Applications open 1-30 September.

The scheme, backed by Creative New Zealand, aims to increase participation in the arts, broaden the range and diversity of the arts available to communities, enhance and strengthen the local arts sector.

Funding is awarded to projects rather than people undertaking the project and applications must meet one or more of the scheme's criteria.

Applications forms and more information can be found at [tcdc.govt.nz/ccs](https://tcdc.govt.nz/ccs)



Get our free eNewsletters!  
[tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe](https://tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe)



[www.facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil)

[tcdc.govt.nz](https://tcdc.govt.nz)

[customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)

Private Bag, 515 Mackay St, Thames, Phone: 07 868 0200

# Artist paints eye-catching Thames murals

By GORDON PREECE

Kylie Gunn has always dabbled in art and over the last 18 months has created many of Thames' eye-catching murals.

The Thames Medical Centre nurse told *The Profile* her murals were another way to express herself without using words.

"I've always done art and over the last five years I've finally had the urge to do it again now that my kids are getting older," she said.

"I do a bit of oil painting and watercolour was something else I started last year, and it's a pleasure to have done the murals, it's nice to make people smile in the community.

"I put a lot of thought into the meaning of them and they've all got completely different styles, which is really cool."

Kylie said she tied all her murals in with their surrounding areas, including her aquaculture-themed one in The Vibe and her bird-themed one in the Kauaeranga Valley.

"My mural on Walter St was about old Thames heritage with Donkins Garage, I looked into that one to find out more information and I put in the actual telephone number from back then, which was 78," she said.

"The one on the Thames Pumphouse [Richmond St], I did the entire block and that



Kylie Gunn next to her historic Donkins Garage mural on Walter St.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

was just an outside bookcase which showcased pieces of Thames history.

"A little bit of steampunk, a little bit of Māori heritage, a little bit of Thames old heritage, and then just some random silly stuff written on the books."

Kylie said her mural inspira-

tions had also come from "crazy" thoughts at night, which was where she found inspiration for her ten coins mural on Mary St. "I started playing with New Zealand coins and putting them into an image and then it worked together and realised it would look amazing in a cave," she said.

"Then the story I wrote on the mural plaque talks about the clashing of two different cultures, the erosion that's caused from that but also the beauty that's caused from that.

"That kind of stuff plays on my mind because to me it's important that we respect history and we don't celebrate

colonialism but acknowledge the difficulties and then acknowledge the beauty that comes from it."

Kylie also recently painted the mural for the Citizens Advice Bureau on Queen St and plans to paint a new mural next to The Vibe later this year.

## Thames Autos

A Division of Takemini Motors Ltd. R.M.V.T.

HOME DEMONSTRATIONS AND DELIVERIES AVAILABLE WE CAN COME TO YOU

- [www.thamesautos.co.nz](http://www.thamesautos.co.nz) -

**2015 Holden Captiva**  
2.4 Ltr Auto, 45 km, One Owner  
Immaculate Condition, Choice of 2



From **\$12,990**

**1990 Daihatsu Delta**  
2.5 Ltr 5 Speed Diesel Camper,  
Fully fitted, Ready to GO



**\$18,000**

**2009 Mazda '6' S/Wagon**  
Auto, PRICED TO CLEAR



Only **\$5,990**

**2014 Ford Fiesta**  
1 Ltr Auto Turbo,



Now Only **\$12,990**

**2013 Suzuki Splash**  
1.2 Ltr Auto, 74 km, Economy



**\$9,990**

**2010 Nissan Navara**  
6 Spd Manual, 4WD, Diesel, Fully  
Optioned



Just **\$12,990**

**2016 Nissan Juke**  
NZ New, Auto, Low kms,  
Immaculate Condition



**\$15,990**

**2002 Mini Cooper**  
Auto Coupe, Rare Model,  
ARRIVING



**\$6,990**

### LEYLAND STOWE

Mob: 027 355 5152 Ph: 07 868 8981

or 0800 868 898

609 Pollen St, Thames RMVT  
[thamesautos@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thamesautos@xtra.co.nz)



**No Deposit Finance**  
available on all vehicles.  
**Full workshop servicing**  
& repairs available including  
**Auto Electrical service**

## We Care Community Trust Grant Funding

*In tough times we are here to help*

We Care Community Trust is a recently licensed gaming machines' society operating from **Punters Sports Bar** in Thames. We Care has funding available for qualifying organisations in the local community.

Applications are now being received and considered by the Directors of We Care Community Trust in accordance with their authorised purpose statement and the funds that are available. Applications close at the end of each month for consideration the following month.

Applications can be obtained online from:

<https://wecare.org.nz/> or from

**Punters Sports Bar**  
719 Pollen St  
Thames

## Staples vies for mayoralty

A "wealth of experience" in central and local government during a 15-year career is why mayoral candidate Cherie Staples says she is the right person to lead the district.

As the current deputy chair of Thames Community Board, Cherie is promising an open-door policy if she becomes the next mayor of Thames-Coromandel District Council at the local body elections this October.

"It is easy to make promises, but delivering good outcomes requires more than words," she said. "It demands negotiation skills, positive relationships, and knowledge of government processes - all of which I can bring to the table."

Being a Thames Coast resident and Justice of the Peace, Cherie is also the parliamentary community engagement and communications advisor in the Thames office of Coromandel MP Scott Simpson.

She said 15 years of learning the complexities of how government operated, while being immersed in the issues Thames-Coromandel people cared about, had provided an "ideal grounding" for the job of mayor.

"Over that time, I've gained a vast amount of knowledge about everything from government processes and funding streams, to legislation and regulation. I understand the relationship between the government and local council and I have built strong, respectful relationships with government departments, community groups, and other agencies," she said.

"More importantly, I have been working every day with local people and communities, hearing their concerns, and doing what I can to help solve their issues and get things done."

Cherie and her husband Richard have been part of the Thames community for 34 years. She said she had been a "kindy parent, the school camp and sports mum, and a netball umpire".

"After family and my work, I would say



Cherie Staples

netball is my biggest love," she said.

"It's a rule in our house that if the Silver Ferns or the Magic are playing, then the remote is mine - I'm known to umpire the televised games from the couch.

"If I'm not working, I'm usually out fishing or boating."

Cherie said she was conscious of the many challenges local councils across the country were facing, ranging from planning law reform to the impacts of climate change.

"Now is the right time for me to use my knowledge and experience to ensure our district is a place where communities, families and businesses can thrive," she said.

Over the coming weeks, she is aiming to meet as many residents as possible - in particular, those who may not know her very well.

"I am asking people to put a huge amount of trust and faith in me and my abilities. I don't do that lightly and I invite anyone who would like to meet me to get in touch," she said. "I'm not naive enough to think I have all the answers. We have wonderfully smart, creative and innovative people here in the Coromandel and I welcome their input and ideas."

## St John Thames



### Health Shuttle service.

In July our Thames and Paeroa based shuttles driven by our volunteer drivers transported 266 patients to health appointments travelling over 12500 kms in the process. With the rising cost of fuel it makes sense for people to utilise the shuttle to go to their appointments.

If you have a health related appointment to attend and need transport give us a call and discuss your needs. Our Health Shuttle service is available to anyone in the Thames, Paeroa, Ngatea wider communities (including Kaiawa) for transport to attend any kind of related health appointment either locally or inter-regional. This includes Hamilton, Auckland and Tauranga localities. Patients can have their own support person accompany them if required.

There is no charge for this. Getting to your appointments is a priority for good health outcomes and the service is supported by our community for the benefit of our community. Simply contribute a donation or koha as you can. Give us a call and discuss your appointment travel needs on **(07) 868 0567 or 0800 934 287**.

Do you have time to spare?

How about becoming one of our volunteer shuttle drivers or giving us a hand to keep our shuttles clean and tidy. If that's not for you then St John has other community programmes where you could contribute locally.

To find out more information please call Nikki on:  
**(07) 868 0555 or email [nikki.tyrrell-baxter@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:nikki.tyrrell-baxter@stjohn.org.nz)**

Get creative

Hauraki District  
**creative**  
COMMUNITIES

# HAURAKI

Funding for local arts

**Creative Communities Scheme funding is now open!**

**Do you have a creative arts project that needs funding?**

If your project provides creative opportunities for your community; engages with young people (under 18 years) or celebrates and promotes the diverse arts and cultural traditions of your community, then don't delay!

Applications are open to individuals and all age groups. Download the application form from our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme)

Projects must take place between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023.

Applications close 4pm  
Monday 19 September 2022

This image was taken from one of three Kerepehi School murals telling the story of Ngati Hako and the local area. They're a focal point for the whole Kerepehi community.





# Hart puts hat in mayoral ring

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

An ecology architect from Puriri is throwing his name in the hat to become Thames-Coromandel's next mayor.

The local body elections take place this October, and Steve Hart says he can get things done in the district's top job without all the "hot air".

"I have always been involved in politics at one level or another. It is unavoidable," he said. "There is much need for strong leadership in today's political environment, with considerable change unfolding daily. As a change agent, a designer, and builder of many elements across our community... I am very well-equipped to offer the assistance and facilitation needed through this next political period to ensure safety and resilience for all."

Steve, a farmer's son hailing from Pukekohe, said he always had "one foot in the paddock" while he began a career as an ecology architect - which he described was the fusion of architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design with "systems ecology".

"My career pathway is all-consuming with great diversity, involving many different forays into the wide dynamic that politics is," he said.

"Last week, I was actively engaged in an MPI workshop in Wellington. Next week, I am putting together a major business plan in Tauranga for a national major re-



Steve Hart

cycling project... and on Sunday morning, of course I'm an armchair critic watching the All Blacks."

Steve, Martina and their four daughters grow an extensive 13 acre garden at Puriri, outside of Thames.

If successful in his vie for mayor come voting day on October 8, Steve said he would run open, public forums each week around the district, inviting "all issues, debate, argument, and positive creativity".

"I have worked at senior level inside several councils and am more than familiar with all the cogs. I also cherish our rich environment which needs exceptional management to ensure we all gain from it.

"Being financially astute, we need to ensure all accounting and accountability is as efficient as possible. I also like to achieve and get things done... without hot air. It is true democracy, from the people for the people that will guide us securely into the future."



Moanataiari School's new 11-seater van.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

## Moana memories drive van gift

By GORDON PREECE

Moanataiari School's principal is "absolutely excited" by the school's first ever van thanks to the generosity of a former pupil.

The 11-seater van was donated to the Thames school by Tiny Deane, who attended between 1974 and 1980.

Tiny went on to become a home-less campaigner in Rotorua and was nominated as a semi-finalist in the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards in 2021.

Principal David Brock told *The Profile* the new set of wheels would allow many opportunities for students and staff.

"It couldn't be a more timely sponsorship for us, it's something we've been looking at for some time and it's something within the school community we really

need," he said.

"I can see the van being used for sports events, camps, students visiting cultural activities and local curriculum opportunities and teachers needing to go to courses and meetings."

Mr Brock said the school, which is set to celebrate 50 years in September, was contacted by Tiny at the end of last year when he discussed his idea to donate the van.

"The 50th reunion I think was the catalyst for Tiny to get in contact with us, he remembers a number of our principals and teachers and he considers the school very important in his development as a person," he said.

"He just popped over one day and we just kept in contact over the year and then in the last holidays we went [to Rotorua] and picked [the van] up.

"He made sure we left Rotorua with a full tank of gas which was extremely thoughtful, he has huge manaakitanga."

A formal handover and a blessing for the new van led by Reverend Brendon Wilkinson was held at the school on August 11 with Tiny and his wife Lynley in attendance.

The van cost \$51,000 and was purchased through he and his wife Lynley's Visions of a Helping Hand Charitable Trust.

The Rotorua-based trust provides accommodation, mental health support, addiction treatment, cooking, parenting and budgeting advice for those in need.

"It's not until now I realise it's the school that's made me who I am so giving back to this school is high on my priority list," Tiny said.

### NEW MITSUBISHI ASX



\$27,990 +  
ORC + CCF or  
FINANCE

- \*2.0L petrol engine
- \*Reversing camera
- \*7.6L/100km
- \*5 star safety
- \*Auto



### RUN-OUT MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER LS



- \*2.4L petrol engine
- \*Dual zone air cond.
- \*18" alloy wheels
- \*7 seats
- \*7.2L/100km

\$33,990  
+ ORC  
or FINANCE



**Saunders Mitsubishi**

0800 11 11 10

201 Pollen St • www.saundersmitsubishi.co.nz

A/h: Warren Hurley 021 941 963

Paul Saunders 021 220 0098



All New Husqvarna 120 TK4-P  
4m Battery Telescopic Polesaw  
BLi 10 battery and  
QC80 charger  
Split Shaft for Transportation  
\$715 INC GST



SAVE \$890

Husqvarna TS242TXD  
42" Fabricated Mower Deck  
Kawasaki Engine  
Hydrostatic Transmission with Diff Lock  
5 year domestic warranty  
Special price of \$8000 INC GST



SAVE \$340

Husqvarna TC138T  
38" cut rear catcher  
Powerful Husqvarna series engine  
Hydrostatic Transmission  
5 year domestic warranty  
Special price of \$7750 INC GST



SAVE \$300

Husqvarna 460 Rancher  
60cc engine  
20" bar 3/8 chain  
5 domestic warranty  
Special price of \$1369 INC GST



**WHILE STOCKS LAST**

We sell and service Husqvarna's huge range of product. We also demonstrate and deliver.



Shaun Prescott, Sales Manager

021 285 4870 / 07 864 7801

Prescott Garages  
1 Hikuai Settlement Road  
prescottsgarages.co.nz

# Rural Life

## Warmer, wetter July recorded

By GORDON PREECE

Hauraki-Coromandel's rainfall and temperature statistics for July were higher than average, which could become more frequent, NIWA says.

NIWA meteorologist and forecaster Ben Noll told *The Profile* New Zealand had its wettest and fourth warmest July on record, which was "very well reflected" throughout the Thames Valley region.

"The average maximum temperature was 1.5 degrees above average for the Firth of Thames during July and the minimum temperature was 3.3 degrees above average," he said.

"Rainfall for July in the Firth of Thames was 199.8mm and that compared to the normal rainfall for July is 112.1mm, so you can see it was well above normal."

Ben said these above average recordings for temperature and rainfall were caused by a wave of weather events.

"We had La Niña and more frequent low pressure systems tracking toward New Zealand from the Coral Sea, which is a warm tropical place, and they would transport that moisture and warmth down towards the Coromandel Peninsula," he



A dry spring could be on the cards after a wetter, warmer July, NIWA says.

File Photo: UNSPLASH

said.

"I wouldn't expect record breaking rainfall every July but we do live in a warmer world now and a warmer atmosphere does hold more moisture.

"So we can see the increase in the odds for rainfall extremes." Ben said the above average rainfall would have benefitted the region's rural sector.

"We had a pretty dry start to the year and in fact we had in the Waikato and South Auck-

land a drought event classified between April and May and even June at some level was a bit drier," he said.

"So we really needed the water to recharge our dams, aquifers and soil moisture levels."

Ben said there could be dry weather events as spring approached and encouraged rural communities to prepare for it as weather patterns could also be dry for summer and autumn.

"It's not something that's of

concern just yet but if it does turn drier as we go into spring and soil starts to dry out before we get into summer that's something [NIWA] will have to monitor closely," he said.

"Given our experience in the last two years, [rural communities should be] planning and preparing for those dry events... setting themselves up so if it is dry, they have a good amount of feed around in case things turn quite dry later on."

## Search begins for rooks

Rook numbers are likely on the rise after escaping control last year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

With spring just around the corner, Waikato Regional Council is asking landowners to report rook sightings for targeted pest control to prevent them from becoming a problem on farms.

Biosecurity pest animals team leader Brett Bailey said two nesting sites were confirmed near Hinuera and Paeroa last year. However, control was unable to take place due to being in lockdown during the nesting season.

Before the 2021 breeding season, it was believed that rook numbers in the Waikato region were below 40.

Mr Bailey said the council relies on landowners to let them know where rooks are nesting.

"It's a good time of the year to start seeing rooks as it's breeding season, which is when they congregate together. It's important that landowners don't try to get rid of them themselves, because we don't want to scare them and make them fly away and nest somewhere else."

Rooks generally build nests in pine or eucalyptus trees.

The regional council has been controlling rooks since 2002, when their numbers were around 200.

**COMPREHENSIVE VETERINARY SERVICES FOR FARM & COMPANION ANIMALS**



**Your 100% Local Vets**

**NGATEA 07 867-7056**  
**PAEROA 07 862-7056**  
**THAMES 07 868-3013**

PL0619006

**Hydraulink**  
Thames

**H 24/7 MOBILE SERVICE**

**We do Ram Repairs and Servicing**

- Hydraulic hose & fittings
- Breakdown services 24/7
- Industrial hoses
- Lubricants & Oils
- Ram repairs & servicing
- General Engineering



Ph 07 868 5435  
0274 990 924



14C Kopu Road  
Kopu, Thames

**Best under pressure**

**MONRAD EARTHWORX**



Earthworks and Cartage

**PHONE 0800 MONRAD**

[WWW.MONRADEARTHWORX.CO.NZ](http://WWW.MONRADEARTHWORX.CO.NZ)



House & Site Works • Farming & Rural Demolition  
 Retaining Walls & Drilling • Civil Earthworks • Landscaping  
 All Cartage Requirements

# Rural Life

## Kerepēhi Industrial Park lots sold-out

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

The 27 lots within the Kerepēhi Industrial Park have all been sold, and the district council says the new businesses will provide jobs for locals.

The land, off State Highway 2, was purchased by council in late 1999 after it identified a need for more light and heavy industrial activity in the district.

At the time of purchase, the land was zoned rural, and so required a full consultation process to rezone the land to industrial.

The plan change process began in 2002, and the industrial zoning became operative on April 13, 2005.

“Council had a bold vision - if you build it, they will come - for an industrial and food hub in Kerepēhi,” council’s community development advisor economic Rebecca Jenks said.

“The establishment of the Allied Faxi ice cream factory in the old, disused Kerepēhi Dairy Factory led the way for other businesses to see the potential of the location and in doing business with a progressive council.”

The rezoned land was developed in two stages. The stage 1 subdivision on the eastern half of the site created 13 lots.

The stage 2 western subdivision created 14 lots and completed the other side of the horseshoe-shaped Reta Crescent.

Council retained one of the lots for use of its water treatment plant.

“It took some time to build momentum in sales, as our district was not well-known as a location for industrial devel-

opment,” Rebecca told *The Profile*.

“This has changed in the past 10 years, with all 27 lots now sold. We continue to receive a number of enquiries about Kerepēhi due to its location on SH2.”

Rebecca said there was also around 5.7ha of industrial-zoned land behind the park that has been purchased by a private developer to subdivide. While the subdivision had not yet been finalised, it provided an opportunity for future industrial growth in Kerepēhi, she said.

Auckland-based labelling and printing company Saito is building a \$4 million sustainable factory in the industrial park, as well as a co-ownership housing plan for its staff.

Saito’s head of focus Sarah Spencer said after 35 years of doing business in the big city, it was time to look for a location that offered “work-life balance and sustainability”.

They join a number of other businesses that are already established in the park, including Quinn Engineering, Pohutukawa Frame and Truss, Hauraki Storage, and Utemaster.

“The businesses operating in our district contribute to the district’s gross domestic product,” Rebecca said.

“More importantly, they provide jobs for local people. With more industrial businesses at the location, there is the potential for these businesses to share some services and through this, lower operating costs.”



# AUTOWORKZ

THE A TO Z OF AUTO REPAIRS



FOR WOFS, LUBES AND ALL MECHANICAL REPAIRS

PAINT REFURBISHMENT OF CLASSIC MOTORBIKES

CALL DALE 867 7195 | 027 372 4797

autoworkz70@yahoo.com

KOHUNUI ST, NGATEA

## Paeroa Auto Electrical

• Auto Air Conditioning

• Latest Diagnostic Tools for your European Car

• Range of Batteries for Cars, Trucks, Tractors, RVs and more

• On Farm Auto Electrical Service

Ph: 07 862 8565 Email: unipoint@xtra.co.nz

3 Belmont Road Paeroa



**NEW**

**HONDA**  
**XR 150**  
**ELECTRIC START**  
**2-WHEEL FARM BIKE**

**\$4,939 INC GST**



**NEW**

**CT 125A**  
**FUEL INJECTED,**  
**ELECTRIC START, ABS**  
**BRAKES, LED LIGHTS,**  
**2 WHEEL FARM BIKE,**  
**FARM FITTED**

**\$6,894 INC GST**



**NEW**

**XRM125**  
**STEP THRU,**  
**ELECTRIC START,**  
**FUEL INJECTED, FARM**  
**KITTED 2-WHEEL BIKE**

**\$4,995 INC GST**



**NEW**

**XR190**  
**FUEL INJECTED,**  
**ELECTRIC START,**  
**DOUBLE CARRIERS,**  
**DOUBLE STANDS,**  
**FRONT DISC BRAKE**

**\$6,434 INC GST**



## Hauraki Plains Motors Ltd

1 Pipiroa Road, Ngatea • Ph 07 867-7021

A/Hrs Mike 027 440 4681, Miles 027-227-1121 Email: miles@hpmotors.co.nz

# Blast heard in Thames Valley



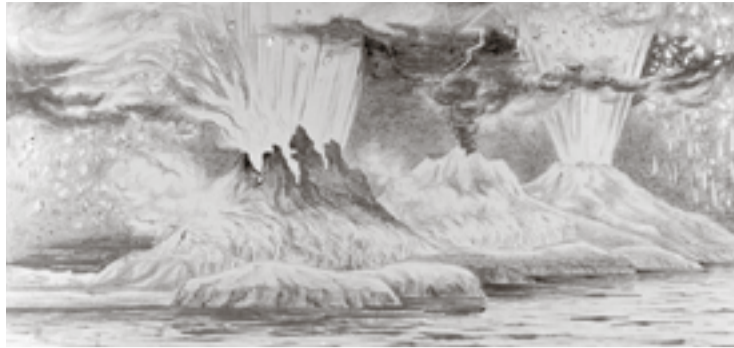
As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

## 1886

An enormous noise reminiscent of a cannon blast caused consternation in the Thames Valley.

The noise was the violent eruption of Mt Tarawera near Rotorua. Smoke and steam rising from the deadly explosion was distinctly seen and was watched with intense interest. Telegrams detailing the disaster caused great alarm and the Thames Advertiser office was besieged by an anxious throng. One victim was said to be Miss Bagnall of Thames but proved not to be. Mr Crosbie, of Thames, however, who had been working at Tikitere, preparing for the construction of a hotel, had a narrow escape. The Tarawera eruption was visible from the top of the ranges in Ohinemuri, and dust and ashes fell as far as Te Aroha and Karangahake.

Poaching between Tararu and Tapu was rife. The poacher's gun could often be heard, and on Saturdays and Sundays much more frequently. One of these pot-hunters shot five pheasants



A sketch of the Tarawera Eruption by an eye witness.

Photo: SUPPLIED

in the cemetery and another shot six on Mr McCormick's farm. The licensed sportsman, waiting for the shooting season to open found that birds were scarce. Despite the difficulty in keeping down poaching in the country districts, inhabitants failed to see why it couldn't be prevented in a town like Thames where there was a large staff of police with little or nothing to do.

Henry Plummer of Tapu sued Fred Jackson for exhibiting in his window a promissory note which read "The above bill was given for tucker supplied and cash lent to buy his wife and child clothes. He received over £250 from the Paroquet claim in six weeks, and then sneaked out of paying on a point of law; letting me in for £3 15s costs. I am bound to frame the promissory note to keep in remembrance the meanest thing that calls himself a man this side of the line."

A 'lizard monster' at large across the Waikato was spotted in the river near Gibbons' sawmill at Kōpū. For weeks the creature had been accused of

livestock deaths and even taking carcasses from slaughter houses leaving a trail of strange footprints and striking fear into hearts across the district. The behemoth beast was followed upriver as far as Paeroa where it dived and disappeared. One witness described it as about seven feet long, black, with a head like a horse. The 'monster' was eventually caught near Paeroa and proved to be a large grey seal.

A parcel of 20 tons of ore from Waihi was to be sent to Europe for treatment at one of the Welsh or German Smelting Works. It had to be sent via Kati-kati, Bowentown and Auckland, owing to the disappearance of the Waihi - Paeroa road under a sea of mud, which compelled the Paeroa carters to strike. Intending travelers, it was advised, should see the Agent for the Accident Insurance Company before leaving Kati-kati and take a waterproof chaplain with them, with the Burial Service turned down at the corner. This road took the cake for being the worst in the North Island.



# Messy play set to begin

Paeroa playcentre is gearing up for Messy Play Week, a free event for families with babies and pre-school age children being held from August 22-26.

Playcentre Messy Play Week is a chance for families with babies and pre-school age children to visit their local Playcentre to explore messy play activities that spark creativity and unlock learning.

The nationwide event offers a chance for families to have fun with their children and to be involved in supporting them to learn through play, without the mess at home.

There will be a variety of messy play activities offered, such as painting, playdough, sand, clay, slime, gloop and more. According to Playcentre

Aotearoa chief executive David Moger, messy play is important for children's brain development and learning.

"Messy Play has many benefits for children. It stimulates creativity, promotes physical development, encourages social skills, provides new experiences, and allows for exploration and experimentation. But, most importantly it is great fun," he said.

To get involved in Messy Play Week, make a booking to visit your local Playcentre and join in the fun. Centres in the Hauraki-Thames Valley include Thames-Pārawai, Ngātea, Turua, Paeroa, Te Aroha, Waihi and Waihi Beach.

**DETAILS: Find your local Playcentre at [www.playcentre.org.nz](http://www.playcentre.org.nz).**



# *Keeping up to date with your vaccinations is really important, even if you've already had COVID-19.*

**You can catch COVID-19 more than once. Boosters are your best protection from severe illness, ending up in hospital, and even death.**

Keeping up to date with your vaccinations is one of the most important things you can do to help protect yourself, your whānau and your community.

A booster will provide extra protection from a previous vaccination and help your immunity be stronger and last longer. And, by staying as healthy as you can, you help reduce pressure on our communities, businesses and the health sector.

If you've had COVID-19, you can get your booster three months after you tested positive. Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations.

Check your eligibility at **[Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)** or call **0800 28 29 26**.

# Celebrating 75 years of blasting tunes

By GORDON PREECE

Kerepēhi Brass Band is set to celebrate its diamond jubilee with a symphony of musical events on August 20.

Luke Van Vliet, who is in his second year as band president, told *The Profile* the band was "looking forward" to celebrating 75 years of entertaining the Hauraki district, after having to post the celebrations twice last year because of Covid-19.

"In a newspaper article when the band first started in 1946, the band was looking for funds to get up and running and there's a section in there saying the council didn't think the band would survive so they only gave us five pounds," he said.

"So it's really quite the achievement and when the band started there were brass bands in Thames, Waihi, Paeroa and all of them had folded or disappeared.

"But we've managed to keep going and stay strong."

Luke said celebrations would begin with a traditional morning tea in the band's Kerepēhi hall followed by a catered lunch at Ngātea War Memorial Hall for current and past band members. Celebrations would then open to the public from 4pm with a historic display of memorabilia and a documented timeline of band events at Ngātea War Memorial Hall



The Kerepēhi Brass Band in 2021, after entertaining the district for 75 years.

Photo: SUPPLIED/RICHARD HORNELL

before the band takes to the stage for an anniversary concert from 5pm.

"At this stage we should have a band of 28 to 30 strong and we've got a great programme which we've put together with stuff that all generations would like," he said.

"We've also got a segment in the concert where we're inviting past members to play with us

so we're hoping to have quite a substantial band for the five songs in the middle."

Luke said the band's new junior members were also scheduled to perform at the concert and former bandmasters, including 87-year-old Max Vivian, the son of the band's founder, George Vivian, will conduct songs.

Entry fees for the concert

would go towards concert expenses, he said. "We're not looking to profit from the reunion concert, we're wanting to put on a concert for the community and show who we are," Luke said.

"But any money we do make will go straight into the band and we're hoping this year to purchase some new instruments because we do have quite

an ageing collection.

"Some of them are getting up to 70 years old now."

**DETAILS: 75th Anniversary Concert, Ngātea War Memorial Hall, August 20, doors open 4pm, expected to finish at 7:30pm. TICKETS: \$20 for families (two adults and two children), \$8 for adults, \$5 for children (aged five to 18), free for children under five.**

BAND HISTORY, P15



**Proud to support such supporters of our community. Congratulations on 75 years**



**Thank you Kerepehi Brass Band for supporting our community for the past 75 years**

# Band formed to keep boys out of trouble

It was on the first of July 1946 when band founder Mr George Vivian called on the people of Kerepehi to contribute £1 each for the purpose of establishing a "Boys Brass Band".

The hope was to give the Kerepehi boys something to do and keep them out of trouble.

The community responded, some instruments were purchased and the first practice was held in the supper rooms of the local hall at 8pm on August 30. Mr Vivian was the conductor and tutor offering to "teach the boys for free for a period of two years". By the end of September, twenty-two boys had enrolled.

In the early years, the band played several concerts held in the Kerepehi Hall, Kerepehi Cosy Theater, Turua Hall, and annually at the Kerepehi Easter Sports Day.

In mid 1947, the venue for rehearsals was changed from the town hall to Mr WM Thompson's Butcher Shop. By the end of this year, uniforms were able to be purchased for thirty-three boys at a cost of £3.40 each and were on hand in readiness for an anniversary concert to be put on by the band. Much to the disappointment of all concerned, this had to be postponed due to the outbreak of poliomyelitis, as gatherings of children under the age of 16 were forbidden. No practices were held and it was four months before the concert eventuated.

After many years in the butchers shop, in 1954 the band



purchased 16 Block N in Kerepehi for £50. An overdraft arranged with the National Bank of £500 to erect the band room according to the plans by Arnold Ryan. Building then commenced with the entirety of the hall being built with volunteer labor and community support. In December of 1954, the band hall was officially opened.

1957 saw the number of girls allowed to play in the band restricted due to the band being formally a "Boys Brass Band".

The Paeroa Municipal Brass Band also went into recess making the Kerepehi Boys Brass Band the only brass band between Thames and Waihi.

The 1950s saw the band opening many War Memorial Halls including Ngatea, Turua, and

**ABOVE: The Kerepehi Brass Band performs during the New Years Rotorua Tour in 1949.**

**TOP RIGHT: Kerepehi Brass play for the Dulux Cycle Race in November, 1971.**

**RIGHT: Playing at the Hikutaia School Centennial Parade, 1979.**

Photos: SUPPLIED



Waitakaruru.

Come 1959 it was decided that the word "Boys" be removed from the band's name making the band officially known as the Kerepehi Brass Band.

In 1960, Mr George Vivian, in his advancing age, retired his roll as the band master and handed the baton over to his son, Max Vivian. Max, who will be conducting a few numbers at the 75th Anniversary Concert,

led the band right through the 60s before stepping down in 1968. Eric Bygrave took over from Max in 1968 and led the band until 1975. It is here that a young Dutch immigrant, Chris Geilen, took the baton. Chris led the band for 40 years until he retired in 2015.

Brett Lowe took over from Chris in 2015 before moving to Wellington in 2019. Brett will also be conducting a few num-

bers at the 75th Anniversary Concert. Currently the band is under the joint leadership of Peter Robinson and Alistair McMillan.

We have been privileged to have continued in our growth the last few years as well as celebrating the achievements of our very own Rowen Garrett who has now been in the band 75 years since its founding in 1946.

- President Luke Van Vliet



## EYE STRAIN

Do you have any of the following symptoms when using a computer?

- Tired eyes • Headaches
- Fatigue • Light sensitivity
- Blurred vision

Time for a visual examination



Visique O'Hagan Vision Care

Willoughby Street, Paeroa

07 862 8978



## Mohair throws. New colours in store now

- Jewellery • Wall Art • MASKS
- Cushions • Loyalty Cards
- Handbags & Accessories
- Gold Card Discounts
- MM Linen 100% cotton bedspreads

*Lynn's*

500 Pollen St, Thames - 868 8725



612 Pollen Street

Thames

07 868 7388

**Fresh NZ Lamb  
Shoulder Chops & Roast  
\$16.99/kg**

*Every in-store purchase goes in the draw to win a \$100 meat voucher*

**"Be Kind NZ"**

We use Biodegradable Trays

## Scott Simpson

MP for Coromandel

Contact me anytime

0800 550 330  
mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz  
scottsimpson.co.nz  
scottsimpsonmp



Authorised by Scott Simpson, 614 Pollen St, Thames.



# Foodies



The Cheese Barn offers cheese boards, pizza, gourmet pies, sorbet and gelato, and so much more.

## Organic boutique cheese at Matatoki

The Cheese Barn is situated in a picturesque area between Thames and Paeroa, only 5km from Kopu. The Hauraki Rail Trail is 30 meters down the road at the back of the farm, so plenty of cyclists call in for coffee, cheese boards, pizza or gourmet pies.

The cafe is open seven days a week and is BYO licensed.

Gelato and Sorbet is also made and sold on the premises and is a hit all year round especially when served with Belgium Waffles!

The Cheese Barn prides itself on its use of fully certified organic milk

for its boutique cheeses, ranging from traditional Dutch Gouda, Camembert, Brie, Feta, Halloumi, and Mozzarella, plus a range of Yoghurt, Quark, Cottage Cheese and Ghee.

Cheese maker Kelvin Haigh has been making the cheese for 29 years and has an impressive array of awards on the wall.

Cheese tasting and talks for groups and clubs can be arranged with Cathy, Kelvin's wife who runs the cafe.

The animals attract attention from kids and adults alike and can

be hand fed with pellets sold in the cafe. There are Goats, Alpacas, Sheep, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits, Chickens and birds, often there are baby animals to be seen too.

The shop sells a range of local gourmet foods like chutneys, pickles, olives, crackers, salami, and oils to compliment the cheeses, as well as a great range of cheese knives, slicers, boards and other cheesy related items.

The quirky signs in the gift area always attract attention and the gift baskets and boxes are popular for the foodies in your lives.

**Café & Shop OPEN 7 Days**

**BioGro Organic Cheese & Yoghurt. Gelato & Sorbet made on site. Deli lines & Giftware. Animal Farm and outdoor area.**

4 Wainui Road, Matatoki, RD1  
Thames Ph 07 868 1284  
www.thecheesebarn.co.nz

**GLORY CO. CAFE**

ESTABLISHED 2017

*Glorious FOOD* *Glorious COFFEE*

**PHONE 07 867 7157**

**Savour & Spice**

• INSPIRED BY FLAVOUR •

*Unique & delicious flavours to elevate your winter creations*

www.savourandspice.com  
The Depot, Pollen St  
Thames

**BURTON'S LUNCH BAR**

How can we help you?  
What do we cater?...Everything!

We cater from small private gatherings to large scale events.

- Weddings & Funerals
- Corporate Events
- Team Building Events

And we can cater to your needs...

- Buffet
- A La Carte
- Morning & Afternoon Teas
- High Teas and more

Contact us to plan the catering for your next event.

**Kris Burton 022 380 9735**  
email burtonsbistro.catering@gmail.com  
facebook @burtonscatering • website burtoncatering.co.nz

**PROVIDENCE PANTRY**

The art of food

**Wholesome authentic take out food made on site**

Fresh bread, pies, salads & toasties

We have ...  
Deli goods

European & NZ artisan cheeses

Charcuterie

Catering Beautiful pantry items

MON - FRI: 8am to 5pm • SAT 8am to 3pm  
22 Belmont Rd Paeroa Ph: 021 139 3834  
E: info@providencepantry.co.nz  
www.providencepantry.co.nz

**Good Family Dining**

**Lunch: Tues to Sat 12pm - 2pm**  
**Dinner: Mon to Sat from 5pm**

- ☉ Daily Specials
- ☉ Friendly atmosphere
- ☉ Childrens menu
- ☉ Function Room

**Bookings recommended**

428 Pollen St, Thames - Ph: 868 9406  
www.gastronomics.co.nz

**THE PUBLIC OFFICE**

CAFE | RESTAURANT

Brunch  
Lunch  
Dinner  
Catering  
Events

10 Orchard Road West, Ngatea  
p: 07 867 7714  
e: book@thepublicoffice.co.nz

“People who love to eat are always the best people.”  
– Julia Child

“You don’t need a silver fork to eat good food”  
– Paul Prudhomme

After a good dinner one can forgive anybody, even one’s own relatives.” – Oscar Wilde



# /Richardsons

Paeroa / Ngatea



# /Richardsons

Thames



64 Aorangi Road, Paeroa **\$440,000**



- Three bedroom home weatherboard home.
- 812sqm (more or less) partially fenced section.
- Aluminum joinery, call Tash or Kylie to view.

**RG1976** 🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 1

27 Shaw Avenue, Paeroa **\$630,000**



- 3 brm brick home, 756m2 more or less section
- Heatpump, Insulation in ceiling and underfloor.
- Good off street parking + single garage

**RG1977** 🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 1

9 Wakatere Place **Offers Over \$1,250,000**

**OPEN HOME SATURDAY 11-11:30AM**



Beautifully presented home is located at the end of a quiet cul de sac, in a highly desirable area, surrounded by quality homes on a flat section.

**RT5717** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 2 🏠 1

204 Parawai Road, Thames **\$760,000**

**OPEN HOME SAT & SUN 11-11:30AM**



Spacious open plan living area has been freshened up and a stylish new kitchen has been installed. Light & bright living area features polished floors

**RT5723** 🛏️ 3 🚿 2 🚗 1 🏠 1

11 Stembridge Road, Ngatea **Deadline Sale**




- 391m2 Approx home/4 bdrms/4 bthrms
- 5 car grgng/Sep shed/1.6965ha(m or l)res zoned
- Deadline sale 31/08/22 Unless Sold prior

**RN1438** 🛏️ 4 🚿 4 🚗 5 🏠 2

Waihi **Offers Over \$2,200,000**

**NEW LISTING**




- Elevated 5.5ha with sea views, native trees
- Modern 3brms, office, ensuite, swimming pool
- 3 bay shed, 3 phase power, bore water & more

**RRP226** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 2 🏠 1

124 Wilson Street, Thames **\$799,000**

**OPEN HOME SATURDAY 12-12:30PM**



This is like living on the coast but still in Town. This lovely three bedroom home is spread over two levels. Main bedroom has views over the Firth.

**RT5716** 🛏️ 3 🚿 2 🚗 2 🏠 1

104A Brunton Crescent, Thames **\$650,000**

**OPEN HOME SATURDAY 12-12:30PM**



This bundle of joy is looking for new owners. Immaculately presented throughout and having a total refurbish inside with new kitchen & bathroom.

**RT5695** 🛏️ 2 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 1

**PAEROA** 07 862 7888  
54 Belmont Road  
paeroa@richardsons.co.nz

**NGATEA** 07 867 7800  
33 Orchard Road  
ngatea@richardsons.co.nz

**THAMES** 07 868 6978  
556 Pollen Street  
thames@richardsons.co.nz



Real Estate Ltd MREINZ  
Licensed REAA2008

For further properties please visit our website  
**www.richardsons.co.nz**



Real Estate Ltd MREINZ  
Licensed REAA2008



**Asking Price \$749,000**



🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 2

**Open Home Saturday 11.30am - 12pm**

**Asking Price \$750,000**



🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 1

**Open Home Saturday 12.30pm - 1pm**

**Asking Price \$595,000**



🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 -

**Open Home Sat 11.00am - 11.30am**

**Thames, 306 Sandes Street**  
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/306-sandes-street-thames

**Thames, 101A Mount View Road**  
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/101a-mount-view-road-thames

**Thames, 402 Albert Street**  
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/402-albert-street-thames

**Price By Negotiation**



🛏️ 3 🚿 2 🚗 1 🏠 3

**Phone for a Private Viewing**

**Asking Price \$1,045,000**



🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 1 🏠 2

**Phone for a Private Viewing**

**Price By Negotiation**



🛏️ 4 🚿 1 🚗 1 🏠 1

**Phone for a Private Viewing**

**Totara Valley, 12 Sawmill Road**  
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/12-sawmill-road-thames

**Thames, 106B Pleasant Wood Place**  
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/106b-pleasant-wood-place-thames

**Puriri, 8945 Paeroa Kopu Road**  
www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/8945-paeroa-kopu-road-puriri

 <p><b>Amy Bustard</b> M: 027 262 6177 E: amy.bustard@trinitynetwork.co.nz</p>	 <p><b>Adrienne Crawford</b> M: 027 298 4114 E: adrienne.crawford@trinitynetwork.co.nz</p>	 <p><b>Kerry Trainor</b> M: 021 236 5978 E: kerry.trainor@trinitynetwork.co.nz</p>	 <p><b>Maree Simpson</b> M: 027 206 7616 E: maree.simpson@trinitynetwork.co.nz</p>
--	---	--	---

# Newsprint crisis concerns

The cost of newsprint is set to soar as publishers around New Zealand face ongoing shortages of paper stocks.

According to Whakatāne-based Beacon Media Group, which prints 27 community newspapers including the *Valley Profile*, plus 40 specialist publications, the cost of newsprint has more than doubled in the past 12 months in some instances.

Beacon chief executive Aaron Buist told *The Profile* a further newsprint price increase of around 50 per cent was expected when existing paper contracts expired at the end of June next year.

The newsprint crisis was caused by less paper being manufactured globally, spiralling shipping costs and the closure of the paper mill in Kawerau in June last year, which added to local supply problems.

Around 80 per cent of New Zealand's newsprint is shipped from the Norske Skog paper mill in Tasmania, Australia, which leaves publishers looking further afield to find the remaining 20 per cent to print the country's newspapers, adding to the cost.

"We used to get our supplies 30 kilometres down the road, but with the closure of the Kawerau newsprint mill last year, we have to go [as far afield] as Europe and North America to try to find the amount we need," Mr Buist said.

The New Zealand newsprint market was affected by global supply chain issues, the effects of the war in Ukraine and paper mills catering to an increased demand for cardboard and packaging products by companies such as Amazon, he said.

As a result, Beacon and a number of other newspaper industry representatives around New Zealand have been working together to secure enough newsprint and lobby the government to find funding and other practical support to source supply chain requirements for the sector.

*Valley Profile* publisher Teresa Ramsey said the cost of newsprint for *The Profile* rose 29 per cent last month, which had been

difficult to accommodate as the print cost was one of the paper's largest expenses. A further increase of more than 50 per cent mid next year was concerning and could result in some publishers shutting down their community newspapers or introducing a cover price, she said.

"We established *The Profile* because there are no other journalists in the Hauraki-Coromandel area, covering important issues and connecting and representing our communities," she said.

"So it's important we find a way to continue to print and deliver our local news - we are determined to keep publishing."

*The Profile* is currently 100 per cent funded by advertising, from classifieds to advertorials, community features and display ads. "We really appreciate the strong support from our local businesses and community members who have supported us with advertising as producing our local news would not be possible otherwise.

"However, we are now having to look at additional ways to generate revenue to help meet this huge increase in newsprint cost because it's important we continue so our communities are represented with quality, award-winning journalism."

*The Valley Profile* plans to develop digital platforms, and is also part of the News Publishers' Association's application for independent New Zealand publishers to collectively bargain with Meta and Google for fair payment for journalism used on their platforms, such as Facebook. Last week, the Commerce Commission made a draft decision to approve the application, which NPA general manager Brook Cameron said took independent publishers one step closer to redressing the power imbalance. "The digital giants have built trillion-dollar businesses on the back of free and unfettered access to journalism made and paid for by others, while also taking a dominant share of the advertising market that has traditionally funded that journalism," she said.



AgriSea has won the NZ Hi-Tech Award for Māori company of the year. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Paeroa company wins Hi-Tech award

The owners of Paeroa company AgriSea say "it's still sinking in" that they won one of the technology sector's most sought-after accolades: the NZ Hi-Tech Award for Māori company of the year.

At a gala event in Wellington on August 5, AgriSea won the Hi-Tech Kamupene Māori o te Tau category against fellow finalists Envico Technologies, Plink, and Height.

AgriSea chief executive Clare Bradley said the award was welcome recognition for the business, which aimed to preserve and regenerate the marine environment through the "blue economy".

"It's really brought home to us that green technology, and using natural systems and ecological principles, can also be recognised as hi-tech. We hope this inspires others, and increases acknowledgement of biological solutions and technologies that are good for the planet and the future of Aotearoa."

Clare's husband and AgriSea chief innovation officer Tane Bradley (Ngāti Maniapoto, Waikato-Tainui) said the business had grown

its range of products and customer base in a positive trajectory since meeting people supportive of their goals.

They tapped into the support of agency Callaghan Innovation, to prove efficacy of their bio stimulants, and to develop new products and markets.

The couple said manaakitanga (hospitality, generosity) was an important value at Agri-Sea.

"Sometimes it's hard to encapsulate our approach to business," Tane said, "but really, it's that we live our values - to respect each other, and our environment. We see ourselves as a family doing good things and we want to partner with others who are doing the same".

"We've always felt like we were on the cusp of something - it's just that sometimes it takes a little longer than you envisage," Clare added.

"What we haven't done is wait for the wave to come to us. We've invested in people, technology and partnerships to ensure we're solving problems, and having a positive impact."

## This is what some students have to say...

This student had been depressed and in a dark place. He started at Valley Education and after a few weeks is now talking with his parents at home. They've seen a huge change in him and are very thankful for the change.

Welding Level 3 student completed her training in Christchurch after starting at Valley Education

How are you all? Just an update on how I'm doing. I'm doing amazing at course. I passed my welding for term 1 last week this week on machining. I'm loving it, miss you all heaps xx I made a toolbox and a bush punch, podger bar and centre punch set, woohoo! Wouldn't have done it without you all and Pete!!

Pete was an awesome tutor and I would come back in a heartbeat.

Agriculture...

Mark Dalton, Te Whangai Trust Farm has thanked us on numerous occasions in the past month for helping him out especially when all pitched in to help cover the silage stack.

I've got more skills, confidence and understand a lot more about health and safety.

I can now see myself in a job on a farm which is really positive for me.

I'm out of the house every day and meeting new people, having fun.

I learnt about fencing, which I didn't know before.

According to my family I am a lot happier now.

I'm looking forward to getting a job.

To get a certificate is going to be good.

I'm more confident with using machinery now.

I'm having to face my fears. I had a cry about having to drive the tractor, but I'm feeling way more confident now that I can drive a tractor. I do have my driver's licence but tractors scared me.



**Valley Education**  
free courses • free transport

Call or **07 868 7892**  
text us **027 314 1577**

[www.valleyeducation.co.nz](http://www.valleyeducation.co.nz)

## VOTE - Len Salt - A New Mayor for Thames-Coromandel

### THE CHALLENGE:

Our council and ratepayers are facing enormous pressure on services and works programmes.

- Critical shortages of materials
- Inflationary pressures on freight, shipping and fuel
- Increased pressure on personnel and staff costs
- Higher interest rates and cost of debt servicing

### THE SOLUTIONS:

- Focused, independent leadership
- Prudent and responsible financial management
- Task force reviews of contracted services
- Return key essential services to council control
- Target driven cost management
- Open and transparent governance
- Active support for Thames based high tech innovation hubs
- Create a showcase "Centre of Excellence" based on TCDC Waste minimisation practices



**Len Salt**

[www.lensalt.co.nz](http://www.lensalt.co.nz)

Facebook - Len Salt Election Campaign

Authorised by: [lensalt56@gmail.com](mailto:lensalt56@gmail.com)

021-61-9952

**"Our strength is not ours alone, but that of our community"**

All-new  
**Kia Niro**  
HEV 'Light' 1.6L Petrol

Clean Car Subsidy applies\*

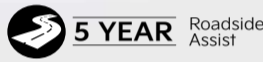
**4.4L**  
per 100km  
fuel economy†

**101g**  
per km  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions†

**THAMES VALLEY KIA**  
321 Pollen Street,  
Thames



Sample image only.



INTRODUCTORY MRP  
AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

kia.co.nz

**\$39,990**<sup>+ORC\*</sup>

Features include:

- Parallel Hybrid System
- 6-speed Dual Clutch Transmission
- Front Wheel Drive
- 16" Alloy Wheels
- Forward Collision Avoidance Assist - Car, Pedestrian, Cyclist, Junction Assist
- Smart Cruise Control with Stop & Go
- Tyre Pressure Monitoring System
- Electronic Parking Brake with Auto Hold
- Rear Seat Occupant Alert
- Halogen Bi-Function Projection Headlamps
- LED Daytime Running Lights
- 8" Colour LCD Touchscreen Infotainment
- Supervision Digital Cluster with 4.2" TFT LCD Display
- 8x Airbags incl. Front Centre-side
- Blind Spot & Rear Cross Traffic Collision Avoidance Assist
- Wireless Apple CarPlay™ & Android Auto™



Ph 07 868 8951 • Paul Griffin 021 169 4036 • www.ThamesKia.co.nz

\*MRP is introductory only and available for a limited time, Kia NZ reserve the right to amend the MRP price at any time without prior notice or reason. The Kia 5 Year Warranty Programme runs for 5 years or up to 100,000 kms (whichever occurs first). All other on road costs (ORC) are additional. Terms and conditions apply - see your Kia dealer for details. †Fuel consumption figures shown are from standard European Design Rules tests EC715/2007 (includes ECE R101) and are stated for the purpose of comparison. Actual results achieved will differ according to operating conditions and driving style.

**2017 Toyota Hilux**

SR, 2.8Ltr, 2WD, Manual,  
Low km's



**\$37,990**

**2016 Toyota Hilux SR5**

2.8TD, 4WD, Steel Tray,  
Bull Bar, Tow Bar



**\$44,990**

2021 Toyota Camry SX, Hybrid, 1 Owner, Low kms	\$48,990
2020 Toyota Hilux Cruiser, 2WD, low kms	\$51,990
2019 Hyundai Tuscon, Elite, 2.0 ltr petrol	\$34,990
2019 Toyota C-HR LTD, Top Spec	\$32,990
2019 Toyota Raize, low kms, Small Suv	\$31,990
2018 Toyota CH-R, Turbo, AWD, NZ New	\$29,990
2017 Toyota CH-R, 1.2 turbo, NZ New	\$24,990
2017 Toyota Camry, GL, 2.5 Auto,	\$17,990
2016 Toyota Hilux S/Cab, 2WD, 2.8 T/Diesel	\$29,990
2014 Toyota Hilux, 4WD, SR5, Auto	\$37,990
2013 Toyota Aqua, Hybrid	\$13,990
2010 Toyota Hilux, 4WD, SR5, Auto, low kms	\$37,990

2019 Toyota Corolla SX, 2.0P Sedan, Low Kms	\$27,990
2018 Toyota Highlander GXL, AWD, 3.5P	\$43,990
2018 Toyota Rav4 GX 2.5P AWD SIGNATURE CLASS	\$34,290
2018 Toyota Rav4 GXL, 2.0L, 2WD, NZ New	\$32,990
2018 Toyota Corolla GX, Alloys, 1.8 ltr, Auto	\$19,990
2017 Nissan Navara ST, 2.3D, 2WD, 6MT, NZ New, Canopy, Towbar	\$35,990
2017 Toyota C-HR 1.2PT/CVT	\$29,990
2017 Toyota Corolla GLX, 1.8P H/Back, Alloys, Auto	\$21,990
2016 Toyota Hilux SR5, 4WD, 2.8TD, Auto	\$47,990
2017 Toyota Corolla GX 1.8P Sedan	\$17,990
2015 Nissan Pulsar ST 1.8L NZ New	\$13,990
2011 Toyota Hilux 2.7P 2WD SC 5M	\$21,990

**Valley Toyota Thames**

www.valleytoyota.co.nz • 07 868 8950  
Contact - Karl Richards 0274 084 564  
Christo Carstens 021 025 30264  
Finance - Terry Boswell 0210 445 929



**Tony Richards Toyota Paeroa**

www.richards.toyota.co.nz • 07 862 7674  
Contact - Kent Ravenhill • 027 878 0642  
Finance - Kent Ravenhill 027 878 0642

# CALL THE EXPERTS

## ANTIQUES

**ARKWRIGHTS ANTIQUES**  
 'Open All Hours' Free Quotes  
 29 years in unique home design with something for everyone  
 Open 7 days - 9am to 5pm  
 Ph: 862 6898 Ah: 0275 334 328  
 Email: vivien.leonard@xtra.co.nz  
 32 Belmont Road  
**PAEROA - ANTIQUE TOWN OF NEW ZEALAND**

## ARBORIST

**TREE SHAPES**  
 Qualified Arborists  
 Treework Large & Small  
 Stump Grinding Hedge Trimming  
 Fruit Tree Pruning Chipping  
 For a free quote call  
**07 868 3985 or 0274 726627**



Hauraki Tyre and Battery owners Tania and Craig Moore.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

## BUDGETING

**Stuck in the cost of living crisis?**  
 Call us now for an appointment  
**07 868 5964 • 027 870 7076**  
**Free Support & Advocacy**

## BUILDING SERVICES

**Quantity Surveying**  
 Residential & Commercial Construction  
 Pre-Construction Services  
 Estimates • Tenders • Trade Measures  
 Administration  
 CCA Progress Claims • Variations • Final Account  
**imeasure limited**  
 Professional Building Services  
 Contact James - Ph 027 515 4004  
 email: imeasure@outlook.com

## Tyres, batteries, friendly service

Hauraki Tyre and Battery on Thames' Pollen St offers free tyre pressure and battery checks, puncture repair, wheel alignments, balancing and entry level, mid range and top quality tyres for most vehicles.  
 Craig and Tania Moore have co-owned the "big yellow tyre shop" for three years after moving to Thames from Hamilton. Craig said their friendly service gave their business traction.  
 "We welcome everyone to come in, we try to do most things while people wait, if not, making an appointment makes it easier," he said.

Tania said there were many things to consider when customers are looking to replace their tyres.  
 "Do you want comfort, mileage, performance or budget?" she said.  
 "Whether it be prices or advice, Craig and our team are able to offer really good options."  
 Hauraki Tyre and Battery stock all major tyre brands and have Exide batteries with extended warranties.  
 Pop into Hauraki Tyre and Battery for your tyre, wheel alignment and battery needs: 314 Pollen St, Thames, Ph 07 868 8182.

## FUNERALS

**Valley FUNERAL SERVICES**  
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
 Our family serving yours — in the Hauraki & Thames Corromandel Districts

- Traditional & Bespoke Funerals
- Direct Cremation
- Pre-Planning
- Eco Funerals / Natural Burial

Ph: 0800 862 6362  
**Des & Christine Necklen**  
 Funeral Directors

## CARPET CLEANING

**Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning**

- Residential Carpet • Commercial Carpet
- Fabric & Leather upholstery • Fabric Protection
- Vehicle & Motorhome Upholstery

**CONTRAST CARPET CLEANING**  
 Phone: 022 367 4921  
 Email: contrastcarpetcleaning@gmail.com  
 For a Personal & Professional Service

## CLEANING

**A J CLEAN UP CREW**

- Lawn mowing
- Weedeating
- Hedge & tree trim
- Section clearing
- Gardening
- Rubbish removal
- Interior house clean
- New build clean/clear
- Odd jobs considered
- One off jobs welcome

0800 464 898  
 Alaine Hedges 027 242 7268  
 John Hedges 027 457 2018  
 Email: info@ajcleanupcrew.co.nz

## COMPLIANCE SERVICES

**NZ FARM COMPLIANCE**  
 Are you over paperwork and making sense of regulations? We specialise in:

- Farm Environmental Compliance
- Farm Quality Assurance Programmes
- Farm Business Management Systems
- Health & Safety, & Staff Housing.

We sort it out. Get in touch today.  
 021 041 8173 www.nzfarmcompliance.com

## CONTRACTING

**RCC**  
 07 862 4809 021 307 029  
**MARATOTO RD RD4, PAEROA**  
 1.7 - 4.5 - 9 - 14 TONNE DIGGER  
 METAL / TOP SOIL / FILL SUPPLIES  
 FARM DRAINS / RETAINING WALLS  
 BULK SPREADING OF LIME AND FERT  
 DRIVEWAYS / FOOTPATHS

## DRIVING ACADEMY

**DRIVING COURSES**  
 Driving lessons  
 Learner Licence courses\*  
 Defensive Driving courses\*  
 Book now 027 314 1577 (text or phone)  
 \*register your interest  
 \*see if you are eligible for free courses  
 admin@valleyeducation.co.nz

## EARTHWORKS & CARTAGE

**Digger, Bulldozer & Truck Hire**

- Mulching
- Cartage of Metal, sand, fertiliser, palm kernel, hay & maize silage

PHONE TIM 027 278 5384  
**T & A MCWATTERS LTD**

## ELECTRICIAN

**INNIS ELECTRICAL**  
 027 539 5572  
 theinnis@xtra.co.nz  
 Registered Electrician & Electrical Inspector  
 Covering Paeroa and surrounding area

## ELECTRICIAN

- Rural & Dairy
- Commercial
- Residential
- Heat Pumps
- Industrial
- Service & Maintenance

ngatea@laserelectrical.co.nz  
**Electrical Laser (07) 867-7049**  
 "Totally Dependable"

## FIREWOOD

**SPLINTA'S FIREWOOD SERVICES**  
 Old Man Pine • Gum • Mac • Pine  
 Free delivery to Thames, Paeroa, Ngatea & Te Aroha  
 Ph: 0800 7754 6827  
 splintasfirewood  
 Email: splintasfirewood@gmail.com

## FURNITURE

**PETER & SON**  
**Outdoor Wooden Furniture**  
 Handcrafted in Thames  
 Commissions • Bar Leaners • Cape Cod Chairs  
 Picnic Tables • Fish Filleting Benches  
 Animal Shelters • Dog Kennels • Hen Houses  
 Beautiful AND comfortable - Made to last.  
 View online: peterandson.co.nz  
 Call Tony on 022 065 7638

## GARDEN CARE SERVICES

**Call the Gardener**  
 YOUR GARDEN - YOUR WAY  
 Garden Care Services  
 Hedge & Shrub Trimming  
 Softscapes & Small hardscapes features  
 Call Paul (028) 4640 600  
 www.callthegardener.co.nz

## HABERDASHERY

**NEEDLES & PINS**  
 PATCHWORK, KNITTING - WOOL & COTTON, HABERDASHERY, FABRICS, JANOME SEWING MACHINES, GIFT VOUCHERS  
 Open Mon - Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12pm  
 468 Pollen St, Thames. Ph 868 8190  
 E: needlespinsthames@gmail.com

## HEAVY VEHICLE COF

**WVI**  
 WAIHI VEHICLE INSPECTION  
 COFs for Heavy Vehicles  
 By Appointment Tues & Wed  
 Ph: 07 242 4455 (Tues & Wed) or  
 Email: office@wvi.nz (anytime)  
 ... just leave your contact details & we will reply ...  
 BAY 8, 53 CONSOLS ST, WAIHI

## HIRE CENTRE

**THAMES HIRE CENTRE**  
 Jellicoe Crescent, Thames  
**Perrin Newland**  
 Telephone: 07 868 9350  
 Email: hire@thameshire.co.nz  
 www.thameshire.co.nz  
 HOME HANDYMAN AND COMMERCIAL HIRE

## HEAT PUMPS

**Heat Pump Cleaning**  
 Maintenance Check  
 Book now for winter  
**Contact Mark**  
**027 839 9941**  
 absheatpumpcleaning@xtra.co.nz

## MARKET

**THAMES MARKET**  
 Since 1995  
 Locally made and produced goods  
**Every Saturday**  
**8am - 12pm**  
**Pollen St, Grahamstown**  
 021 0266 7161

# CALL THE EXPERTS

# CLASSIFIEDS

## HOME MAINTENANCE

### SMART HOME MAINTENANCE & INSPECTIONS

Smart Home maintenance and inspection reports  
Cost estimates - DIY guides  
Trade certified - LBP

Ph: 020 4085 7369  
smarhomeinsp@yahoo.com

## HOMEKILL

### Hunts Home Kills

We have over 30 years of butchery expertise.

- We are dedicated to you, the customer.
- Hygienic, vacuum packed products.
- Professional facilities.
- Smoked meats are our speciality.
- 12 - 14 days hung on the bone, minimum
- Game orders over 10kg
- Premium custom orders to meet your needs

Ph: 0800 250 939 • Mob: Mike - 021 411 210  
E: butchersapron@yahoo.co.nz  
W: huntshomekills.nz • Follow us on FB

## MOBILE MECHANIC



We come to you...

• Servicing & repairs on all cars, trucks, campervans, machinery & small engines  
• Batteries available

Phone Brian: 021 259 4779 or 876 5401  
Email: robosvette@gmail.com

## Gardening

**Stump Grinding.** All sizes, all areas. Free quote. Ph 021 060 7659

## Wanted to Buy

Motorcycles, 4 wheelers & side x sides. Going or not. Phone 027 216 6867. A1 Motorcycles

## Travel

### MV Tours Ltd (Thames)

South Island Tour  
Departing Thames-Paeroa-Ngatea  
Fri 7th Oct 22 – Thurs 27th Oct 22.

Due to a couple of late cancellations, I have a couple of seats available on the above tour. If you are interested please contact Michelle.

For a copy of the itinerary.

PH: 027 2702383.  
Or Email: mvtoursltd@gmail.com

## PAINT

- Quality • Paint • Colour • Advice
- Wallpaper • Accessories

Come in and see our friendly team at Thames Resene Colorshop  
Locally owned & operated  
Cnr Queen & Pahau Sts  
Ph 868 6644



## PAINTER



• Interior & Exterior • Residential & Light Commercial

• Fully Insured • Workmanship Guarantee

Contact Stan on 0223137911

to discuss your project.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Church Notice

Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish  
Presbyterian - Methodist Anglican  
Sundays 09:30 a.m  
Holy Communion  
1st and 3rd Sunday  
An inclusive, encouraging community of faith  
'Come and See'  
Church Office : 07 867 8466  
www.haurakiplainscoopparish.com

## Handyman

Mowing, hedges, fencing, gardening, carpentry, painting, retaining walls, welding, waterblasting. Work is good quality and I will not attempt to work outside of my skills.  
Insured. Dennis Schuler  
022 129 0169

## Situations Vacant

### CAREGIVERS/S

Hetherington House is looking for casual, part time or full time caregivers.  
If you would like to join a great team then please contact the **Manager on 07 8638526**



### PART TIME CLEANER

Hetherington House is looking for someone to join our great team.  
We are looking for a team player, who enjoys what they do and has empathy for the elderly.  
If this sounds like you please contact the **Manager on 07 8638526**



### MECHANIC

We require a qualified mechanic to join our friendly, fun loving team in Ngatea.  
With lots of variety you will be working on a wide range of agri machinery, tractors, cars, motorbikes & small engines.  
Send your CV to **admin@hpmotors.co.nz**



## Situations Vacant

### FRONT COUNTER RETAIL ASSISTANT

We require a fit and reliable person for our front counter. Experience is preferred but not necessary.

Work days are Monday - Friday with rostered weekends.  
Hours are 8.30am - 5.00pm.

Please send a cover letter with your CV to **Derrick.wharerau@placemakers.co.nz**



## PET FOOD



100% PURE NZ RAW PET FOOD

SH26 Matatoki  
tamewolf.co.nz

## PHYSIOTHERAPY

coromandel physiotherapy + orthopaedic rehabilitation  
BACK & NECK PAIN  
SPORTS & WORK INJURIES  
POST SURGERY & FRACTURE REHAB  
ACUPUNCTURE

Robert Lindsay • Rodney Grant • Carol Hayes  
Physiotherapy clinics located throughout the Hauraki and Coromandel Regions  
Ph: 07 868 9579  
www.thamesphysio.co.nz

## PLUMBER



PLUMBING • DRAINAGE • GASFITTING  
GENERAL MAINTENANCE  
Thames 07 868 6021  
Whitianga 07 866 0070  
Whangamata 07 865 7151  
Waihi Beach 07 863 5621

## REAL ESTATE AGENT



M 0276 409 005  
P 07 868 9820  
nicole.clapp@harcourts.co.nz  
harcourts.co.nz

Nicole Clapp

Gold Star Real Estate Ltd  
Licenced Agent REAA 2008  
519 Pollen St, Thames  
Harcourts

## RUBBISH REMOVAL

### Smart Bins

Skip bins, Wheelie Bins, Farm Bins

Phone us or book online  
0800 4 MY BIN or  
www.smartbins.co.nz

## SECURITY SYSTEMS

### Commercial & Residential

Installation, servicing & monitoring  
• Intruder Alarms • CCTV  
• Gate Automation • Access Control  
Paeroa Thames Ngatea Waihi Te Aroha

Ph: 0800 920 319  
E: info@technicall.co.nz

## SEPTIC TANK CLEANING

### ALLENS UNITED

Paeroa (2015) Ltd

LIQUID WASTE SPECIALISTS  
PORTALOO HIRE

0800 862 720 | 027 442 0067

## TYRES & BATTERIES



- ▶ Stockists of all major tyre brands
- ▶ Exide Batteries with extended warranties
- ▶ Wheel Alignments.

314 Pollen St, Thames  
Ph 868 8182

## WALLPAPERER



Pete Grinder  
027 535 0580

Pete the Paperhanger  
www.facebook.com/petethepaperhanger

## WASTE REMOVAL

### SKIP BIN HIRE

For Household, Business, Building and Farm Rubbish Disposal

Ph: 0800 754 724  
Paeroa Skip Bins (2017) Ltd

Place your classified in the local paper that is being read... Examples include but not limited to - Sits Vacant, For Sale, Wanted, Public Notice, Death Notice  
**Contact Nikki today.**  
Phone: 022 130 3885  
or Email: [nikki@valleyprofile](mailto:nikki@valleyprofile)

## Situations Vacant

### Nights and Sleepover Vacancies – The Supported Lifestyle Hauraki Trust

We are looking for people who love to provide support to others and to give back to our community. The Supported Life Style Hauraki Trust has been in operation in Thames since 1994 and the support provided by our staff is paramount to the best outcomes for the Life Stylers. Through our staff, we develop our Life Stylers abilities, provide education, activities and opportunities; along with providing support to enhance their day to day living experience.

Working for us you will be part of a dedicated team that cares for your wellbeing and supports your personal and professional development.

We are looking for Support Workers for our night shift team:

- Awake shifts - 10 hours on a four on / four off basis
- Sleepover shifts - 6 hours awake and 9 hours asleep





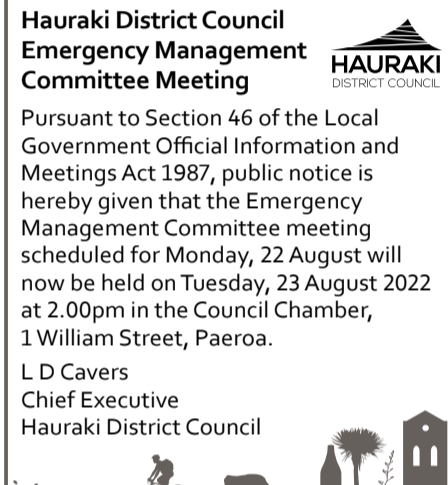
The night shift team ensure the safety of Life Stylers in their homes through patrols and camera monitoring, plus on site tasks in between along with providing support if a Life Styler requires anything during the night. Successful applicants must have a full drivers license and be fully vaccinated against COVID.

We are also keen to hear from experienced people who would like a casual night position to be available for covering leave and training.

To apply, please email [recruitment@suplife.org.nz](mailto:recruitment@suplife.org.nz) or visit our website at [www.suplife.org.nz](http://www.suplife.org.nz). For more information please call Tamara on 0272 399073.

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 1PM MONDAYS: Ph 022 130 3885**

# CLASSIFIEDS - Deadline 1pm Monday

Death Notice	Public Notices	Public Notices	Public Notices	Situations Vacant
<p><b>SAINTY, Donald Vernon (Don);</b> Peacefully at Waikato Hospice on 12th August, 2022; aged 86 years. Dearly loved Dad of Arthur and Robyn, Max and Dianne, David and Sheryl, and Valerie (deceased) and Max. Special friend of Ruth. Cherished Poppa of Paul, Glen, Bradley, Chase, Shannon, Mary-Anne, Luke, Bradley, Charlotte, Simona and Josh. Great-Poppa of Jahara, Levi, Maddie, Mia, Harley, Nixdon, Sophie, Jackson, Hayden, Jacob, Cory, Brianna, Elizabeth, and the late Benjamin. In keeping with Don's wishes a private cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to a farewell gathering at 121 Parawai Road, Thames, on Sunday 21st August, at 11am. Messages to: <i>more_sheep@hotmail.com</i></p> 	<p><b>Paeroa Society of Arts</b> AGM 2022 On 29 August @ 10.30am At our rooms 109 Normanby Rd Paeroa <i>All are Welcome</i></p> <p><b>Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield Inc.</b> Annual General Meeting. To be held at the Hauraki Aero Club Club House on Sunday 21 August starting at 4:30pm. <i>Potential new members welcome.</i></p>	<p><b>Victoria Battery Tramway Society Inc. AGM</b> Sunday 4th September 2.00pm Victoria Battery Museum</p> <p><b>CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU THAMES Inc AGM</b> Wednesday August 31st 2022 3pm at St James Hall Pahau St., Thames <b>ALL WELCOME</b></p>	 <p><b>Battle of Britain Commemorations</b> 11.00am Sunday 11th September 2022 at the Thames Airfield</p> <p><b>Notification of intention to conduct spraying within Hauraki District local road reserve areas</b></p> <p>The Hauraki District Council road maintenance contractor (Downer NZ Ltd) will conduct a spraying programme within Hauraki District road reserve areas to control vegetation within surface water channels and side drains and around road features such as sign posts and roadside marker posts.</p> <p>The operational area will include the entire Hauraki District local road network, excluding state highways, with spraying activity programmed to commence at the end of August 2022</p> <p>Agrichemicals to be used are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glyphosate 360</li> <li>• Pulse</li> <li>• Associate</li> </ul> <p>If you would like your property frontage to be excluded, you may apply online via <a href="http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/no-spray-zone">www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/no-spray-zone</a> or call into any of the Hauraki District Council Service Centres.</p> <p>For enquiries relating to the operation phone Vivek Regmi, Contract Engineer, Downer New Zealand on 027 204 2497.</p> <p>We thank you for your patience during these road improvement works.</p> <p>L D Cavers Chief Executive Hauraki District Council</p>  <p><a href="http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz">www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Receptionist / Administration</b></p> <p>We are looking for an administration superstar to join our team! The position will be based in our Thames office, supporting our clients throughout the Waikato.</p> <p><b>Who are we?</b> CooperAitken is a multi-branch Chartered Accountancy business with a long established history of providing accounting excellence to our rural, commercial and family clients. Our philosophy is to work closely with our clients assisting them to grow and develop.</p> <p><b>Position Summary:</b> As Receptionist, you will be responsible for welcoming clients and visitors through the doors. You will also provide effective and efficient administrative support for the branch team. Under the guidance and supervision of the administration team lead, you will be expected to self-manage the priorities and demands of the day. You will demonstrate maturity in your decision making, be well organised, have a proactive attitude, ensure all tasks are completed accurately and to a high standard.</p> <p><b>Skills/Experience:</b> Previous experience in a Receptionist or Administrator role is preferable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proven experience using Microsoft Office to intermediate/advanced level</li> <li>- Good organisational and time management skills</li> <li>- Ability to multi-task and prioritise workload</li> <li>- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; a confident phone manner</li> <li>- Discretion and confidentiality</li> <li>- Ability to follow processes and meet deadlines</li> <li>- Adapting to new tasks with ease; initiate improvements and streamline work practices where appropriate</li> </ul> <p><b>Hours of work:</b> 37.5 - 40 hours per week; Monday to Friday.</p> <p><b>Applications:</b> All applicants must have the legal ability to work in New Zealand. A full job description is available upon request. Please send your CV with a covering letter to <a href="mailto:recruitment@cooperaitken.co.nz">recruitment@cooperaitken.co.nz</a> <b>Applications close Friday 26th August 2022.</b></p> 
	<p><b>Public Notices</b></p> <p><b>Hauraki District Council Emergency Management Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the Emergency Management Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, 22 August will now be held on Tuesday, 23 August 2022 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, 1 William Street, Paeroa.</p> <p>L D Cavers Chief Executive Hauraki District Council</p>  <p><a href="http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz">www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz</a></p>			



<p><b>2007 Holden Rodeo LX</b></p>  <p><b>\$19,990</b></p> <p>4x2 Crew Cab, 3L T/D 5 spd manual, 137,000ks</p>	<p><b>2019 Nissan Navara RX</b></p>  <p><b>\$27,990</b></p> <p>2.3L diesel, 7 spd auto, 184,000ks</p>
<p><del>\$21,990</del></p>	<p><del>\$29,990</del></p>

**Sealey & Queen Sts, Thames Ph Pete 027 2577 777**



**Efficient convenient prescription dispensing**

<p><b>Open Monday to Friday</b> 9am - 5pm (closed 12.45pm - 1.45pm)</p>	<p><b>Thames Medical Centre</b> 817 Rolleston Street Thames</p>
---	---

Ph 07 8685100 – Fax 07 2800724  
[pharmacist@thamescentrepharmacy.co.nz](mailto:pharmacist@thamescentrepharmacy.co.nz)

**Our team are locals supporting locals**

Five generations, one store



**Hardware**

- Fastenings and Extrusions
- Key cutting and Locksmithing
- Interior and Exterior Paint
- Marine Supplies
- PPE and Footwear
- Tools
- Hose and Rubber
- Engineering and Welding Products

308 Pollen Street, Thames  
Telephone 07 868 6608  
[www.readbros.co.nz](http://www.readbros.co.nz)

## THAMES VALLEY TANGATA ORA TRUST

**The People's Wellbeing Trust**



**SALES SERVICE HIRE**



**MOBILITY EQUIPMENT**

- Mobility Scooters
- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Electric Lift Chairs

We do our best to source other products on request

607 Mackay St, Thames (Opposite the hospital) • Ph: 07 868 7723 or 027 383 1117 • E: [tvot2017@gmail.com](mailto:tvot2017@gmail.com)  
Opening Hours: 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday - After hours by arrangement



**PHONE US to view by appointment**  
Come and experience the difference!

## STAGE 1 IS NOW COMPLETE ENQUIRIES FOR STAGE 2 ARE WELCOME!

All apartments are within walking distance to Thames' shops, cafes and walkways.  
**The perfect location to enjoy your fun-filled retirement**  
Our open plan, single level apartments feature covered balconies with fantastic views of the sea, Kauaeranga River and mountains.  
Each unit's elegantly finished kitchen, lounge, bedroom and bathroom offer stylish warmth and light.  
All residents enjoy scenic views from each level's shared lounges, use of the Village Community Lodge and participation in all activities and amenities at your leisure.

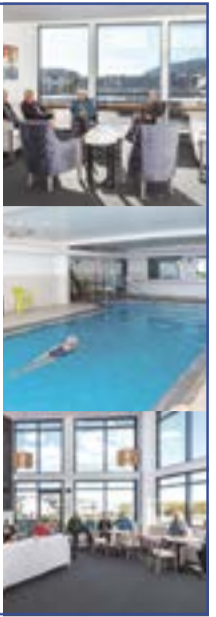


*Richmond Villas*  
LIFESTYLE VILLAGE

*Living the lifestyle,  
loving the choice...*  
A lifestyle village in  
**Thames on the Coromandel**



**82 Richmond St, Thames 0800 868 5484 www.richmondvillas.co.nz**



## SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9

		7		3				1
1		3		2	6	8	5	
2	8		1	9				
			9				4	2
		5	8	1	3			
6	3			7				
				1	4		6	3
5	1	8	3			7		4
3			2		1			

EASY

		8	1					
					7			3
	9	1	6					5
	7	9		1	3			
		2			1			
			6	2	5	9		
4			8		3	6		
1	7							
				5	2			

MEDIUM

			3	2				8
					1	3		
4					5	7	6	
						8		7
	3	9				4	5	
5		8						
	4	6	5					9
		5	2					
8				7	3			

HARD

63

HARD

6	5	1	3	2	7	9	4	8
9	8	7	4	6	1	3	2	5
4	2	3	8	9	5	7	6	1
2	1	4	9	5	6	8	3	7
7	3	1	8	2	4	5	6	
5	6	8	7	3	4	1	9	2
3	4	6	5	1	8	2	7	9
1	7	5	2	4	9	6	8	3
8	9	2	6	7	3	5	1	4

63

MEDIUM

3	5	8	1	4	7	9	2	6
2	6	4	9	5	8	7	1	3
7	9	1	3	6	2	4	8	5
5	7	9	8	1	3	6	4	2
6	4	2	5	7	9	1	3	8
8	1	3	6	2	4	5	9	7
4	2	9	5	1	4	8	6	3
1	3	7	2	9	6	8	5	4
9	8	6	4	3	5	2	7	1

EASY

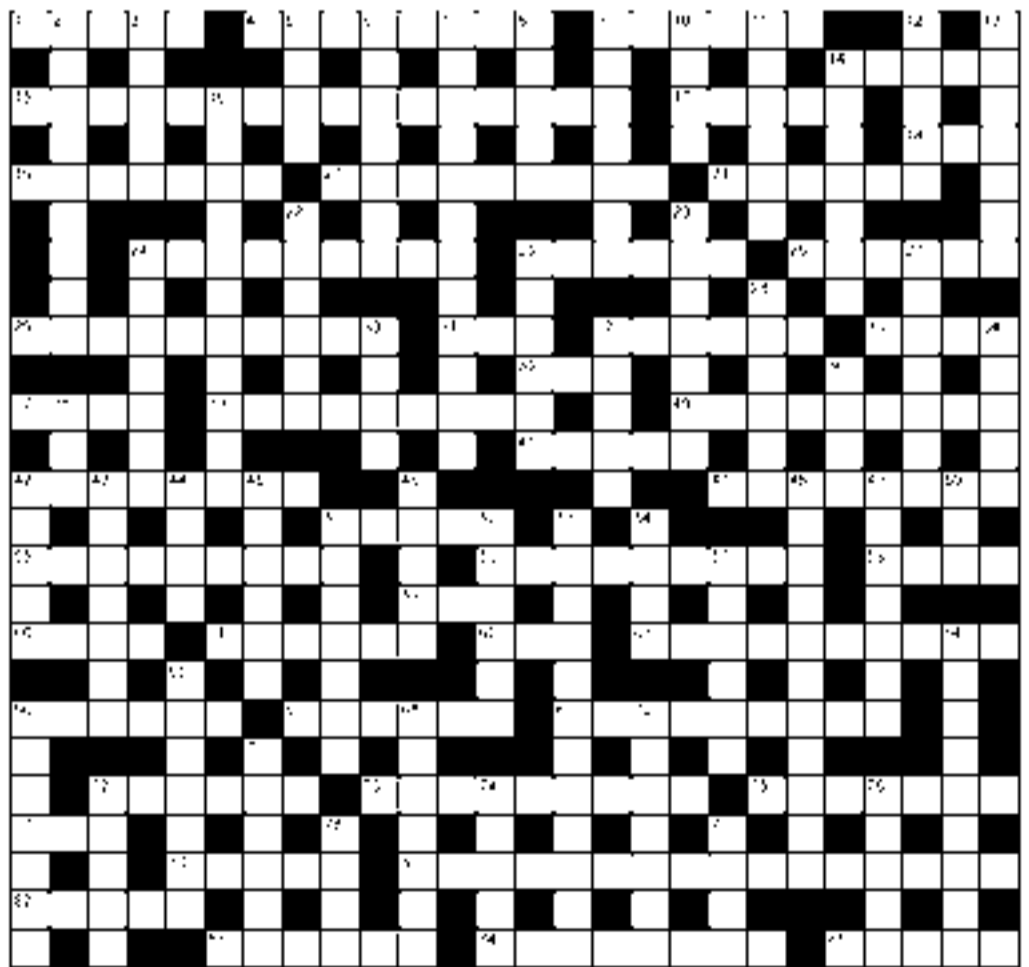
4	5	7	6	8	3	2	9	1
1	9	3	7	4	2	6	8	5
2	8	6	1	9	5	4	3	7
8	7	1	9	3	6	5	4	2
9	4	5	8	2	1	3	7	6
6	3	2	4	5	7	9	1	8
7	2	9	5	1	4	8	6	3
5	1	8	3	6	9	7	2	4
3	6	4	2	7	8	1	5	9

Puzzles © The Puzzle Company  
www.thepuzzlecompany.co.nz

## JUMBO CROSSWORD

83

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tempo (5)
  - 4 Sheep minder (8)
  - 9 Lose one's life (6)
  - 14 Fixed look (5)
  - 15 In a hasty and rash manner (4,1,4,2,1,4)
  - 17 Porcelain (5)
  - 18 Habitual drunkard (3)
  - 19 Get in touch with (7)
  - 20 Grotesque faces on buildings (9)
  - 21 Writer (6)
  - 24 Book producer (9)
  - 25 Clippers (6)
  - 26 Set fire to (6)
  - 29 Task, commission (10)
  - 31 Roading material (3)
  - 32 Curving outwards (6)
  - 33 Dirty smoke (4)
  - 35 Night bird (3)
  - 37 Nuisance (4)
  - 39 Newlyweds' holiday (9)
  - 40 Take to pieces (9)
  - 41 Assign a rating to (5)
  - 42 Killer (8)
  - 47 Stress (8)
  - 51 Copper alloy (5)
  - 55 Astronomer's instrument (9)
  - 56 In music, a gradual increase in loudness (9)
  - 58 Steal (4)
  - 59 Lavatory (3)
  - 60 Large trade fair (4)
  - 61 Snub (6)
  - 62 Turkish cap (3)
  - 63 I tie my cord (anag) (10)
  - 66 Talented (6)
  - 67 Arm muscles (6)
  - 69 Fulfilled (9)
  - 72 Small dish (6)
  - 73 Vortex of water (9)
  - 75 Galley (7)
  - 77 Purpose (3)
  - 80 Spinning blade (5)
  - 81 Prevaricate, avoid a direct answer (4,5,3,4)
  - 82 Eagle's nest (5)
  - 83 Flaw (6)
  - 84 Final confrontation (8)
  - 85 Keen, impatient (5)
  - DOWN**
  - 2 Toxic (9)
  - 3 Vote into power (5)
  - 5 Fifty percent (4)
  - 6 Ancient Egyptian king (7)
  - 7 Overstatement (12)
  - 8 Log (5)
  - 9 Come before (7)
  - 10 Speed contest (4)
  - 11 Runner's pain (6)
  - 12 Untrue (5)
  - 13 Salad vegetable (7)
  - 14 Nest-egg (7)
  - 16 Minor MP (11)
  - 22 Homing bird (6)
  - 23 Thrown bomb (7)
  - 24 Sharp (7)
  - 25 Concentrated (6)
  - 27 Prison occupants (7)
  - 28 Items thrown overboard (6)
  - 30 Playthings (4)
  - 32 Wash (5)
  - 34 Estimate (5)
  - 36 Skin eruption (4)
  - 38 Large bird (3)
  - 42 Bishop's headdress (5)
  - 43 Recovery setback (7)
  - 44 Compass point (4)
  - 45 Sufficient (6)
  - 46 Serving spoon (5)
  - 48 Very close race ending (5,6)
  - 49 Changed (7)
  - 50 Printer's fluid (3)
  - 51 Nomadic Arab (7)
  - 52 Pooh-poohs (6)
  - 53 Female voice between soprano and contralto (5-7)
  - 54 Dross (4)
  - 57 Cult of nakedness (6)
  - 64 US state with Nashville (9)
  - 65 Need (7)
  - 66 Meat chopper (7)
  - 68 Put on public display (7)
  - 70 Double (7)
  - 71 Stinging plant (6)
  - 72 Smug grin (5)
  - 74 Harvests (5)
  - 76 Snake (5)
  - 78 Soft cheese (4)
  - 79 Pack away (4)



**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

**ACROSS:** 1 One foot in the grave, 10 Unafraid, 15 Escort, 16 Experience, 17 Fathered, 19 Fluster, 21 Corny, 22 Stretcher, 25 Margarine, 27 Crooked, 29 Chopin, 33 Satin, 34 Speakers, 36 Embroidery, 39 Orb, 41 Flat out, 42 Fillet, 43 Awning, 44 View, 45 Scarlet, 48 Mushroomed, 53 Happens, 57 Rock, 58 Hawser, 59 Mutual, 60 Placate, 62 Tin, 64 Pallbearer, 65 Academic, 66 Joker, 69 Fodder, 70 Amnesty, 71 Objection, 76 Authentic, 77 Comic, 78 Brusque, 83 Airborne, 84 Stimulates, 85 Paltry, 86 Enlisted, 87 Bring the house down.

**DOWN:** 2 Nestle, 3 Floss, 4 Out, 5 Idea, 6 Typhoon, 7 Errant, 8 Reef, 9 Vocation, 11 Nuance, 12 Fahrenheit, 13 Airy, 14 Dudgeon, 18 Determined, 20 Edge, 23 Crêpe, 24 Appetite, 26 Aviator, 28 Risotto, 30 Garlic, 31 Wealth, 32 Trench, 35 Adieu, 37 Yawns, 38 Ruse, 40 Balm, 45 Syrup, 46 Accolade, 47 Teabag, 48 Mastermind, 49 Sort, 50 Remnant, 51 Outlaw, 52 Elate, 54 Ally, 55 Piccolo, 56 Nutmeg, 61 Obsequious, 63 Rivet, 67 Register, 68 Star, 69 Fanfare, 72 Brittle, 73 Whinge, 74 Goblet, 75 Burrow, 79 Salad, 80 Oral, 81 Omen, 82 Oslo, 85 Pus.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Gallipoli play earns emotional applause

## REVIEW

**The Gallipoli Monologues**

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

Mark Wright is a war veteran, a lieutenant colonel, an army doctor, a beloved son.

Each symbolised by a different piece of headwear, the characters are more than just a monologue on a stage. They are more than just stories and words, however poignant; they are people.

The actor, who has starred in almost 40 different television series including *What Now* and *Shortland Street*, was performing his one-man play *The Gallipoli Monologues* on August 13.

The venue for the intimate matinee, the Paeroa Little Theatre, transformed into a foxhole, barracks, and a hospital wing. In the centre of it all sat a hat rack, and on the rack were nine hats, representing a different character of Mark's monologues.

But "character" almost seems too weak of a word.

Inspired by real-life stories, the men who were revealed on-stage not only gave an insight into who they were and what they were doing, they also spoke of others like them, others who may not have been as lucky; others who may be missing them back home.

You mourn for them, you grieve with them, but in almost the same breath, you smile at them.

With a deft hand, Mark bal-



Mark Wright's deft touch and clever dialogue makes *The Gallipoli Monologues* a show not to miss.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

ances the sombre stories with humour. From the out-of-touch British Army general, the glass-half-full Aussie reciting poetry, and the recognisable Kiwi who brings light in dark times, the dialogue of each monologue is expertly crafted.

The actor's quivering lip, shaky-clear speech, and tearful eyes are a showcase of how good theatre can provide more than just a 90-minute injection of entertainment. It can engage and educate,

perhaps even more so than modern blockbusters that attract millions and earn just as much.

Mark has a passion for the self-driven project. The self-confessed "amateur historian" fronted a 2014 documentary series which saw him complete a "life-long dream" by travelling to Gallipoli and the Anzac Cove in Turkey.

His great-grandfather was the proprietor of the Rob Roy Hotel in Waihi, while two of his great un-

cle's served in Gallipoli, returning to New Zealand injured and dying shortly after World War I due to complications from their wounds.

It is perhaps this respect and awareness of his characters that makes *The Gallipoli Monologues* a show to watch.

It requires no prerequisites of knowledge, just a willingness to absorb.

The play was created after Mark, hosting an adults acting workshop

in 2021, performed an off-the-cuff monologue inspired by World War I. The performance was well-received, with audience-members encouraging Mark to turn it into a play. It had its premiere in Waihi on June 11 this year.

Mark said he was planning to keep the show on the road, so if you see a man with nine hats, take a seat.



# WHYTELINE

THE ALL-NEW  
**S-CROSS**

Free at Last



Bold on the outside, enlightened on the inside, the all-new 2022 S-Cross is here.

- BoosterJet Turbo efficiency • 6-stage auto with paddle shifters
- 2WD or ALLGRIP SELECT AWD • Heated front seats
- Dual zone climate air conditioning • Parking sensors front and rear
- Full suite of Autonomous Safety Assist features

JX TURBO \$35,990 +ORC J LX TURBO FROM \$38,990 +ORC

For info on our Real Value 3 year/100,000 km comprehensive warranty, 5 year/100,000 km powertrain warranty, PLUS a full 5 year roadside assistance plan visit [www.suzuki.co.nz](http://www.suzuki.co.nz)

**SUZUKI**

WHYTELINE.CO.NZ | 39 PUKE ROAD, PAEROA | 07 862 8783 | MARK ROSS 021 906 931

HAURAKI'S HOME OF **SUZUKI**