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A BLUE SEPTEMBER

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

Ross Harris is asking men to put their health into their own hands.

With Blue September kicking off this week, the Hauraki District Councillor - who was diagnosed with prostate cancer four years ago - is telling men to "get over" themselves and get checked for the disease that takes the life of 700 Kiwi blokes each year.

According to the New Zealand Prostate Cancer Foundation, one in eight Kiwi men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

Every year, more than 4000 men are diagnosed and over 700 die from the disease - the third highest cause of death after lung and bowel cancers.

Early detection was key for a better chance of successful treatment, and Ross said this meant men must take responsibility for their health.

"When I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, I sat and talked with my GP and asked: 'where is the screening taking place for men's prostate?' and the answer was that they could screen, but it would clog the system up with false-positives," he told *The Profile*.

"I got angry and said: 'Come with me and sit at the oncology department and look at the clogging of the system when we do find them'. So, surely early detection is the answer."

In the early 2000s, Ross had two blood PSA tests which had a result of around 3.2. The test measures the amount of prostate-specific antigen in the blood, and is used primarily to screen for prostate cancer.

By 2012, his PSA levels had increased to 6.1.

"Come early 2018, I knew some-

thing was wrong," he said. "We had one of our grandsons staying with us, and I walked past the toilet - the door was shut - and I thought: 'He's got a hose in there!'"

Ross sat down to inspect his medical records for the result of his last PSA test and couldn't find them. He made an appointment with his GP - who couldn't find the records either. After being sent for another round of blood tests, "all hell broke loose", he said.

The results came back with a PSA reading of 9.4 and Ross was immediately sent to get a bone scan, a biopsy, and a PET scan, which eventually identified he had Stage 4 terminal prostate cancer. Because it had spread into his pubic bone, surgery wasn't an option.

"The initial 'holy sh*t I've got stage four prostate cancer' was a shock, but it was about what we would do next. My glass has always been over half-full. I love taking the top off and putting more back in," he said.

"A lot of men would say you just roll up your sleeves and punch [cancer] in the face, and perhaps that's what you do, but you find an inner strength that you don't know you've got."

What followed was eight weeks of radiation, with Ross driving backwards and forwards from Hauraki to Hamilton every day, as well as "being harpooned" with hormonal drugs every three months - an appointment he still continues to hold.

With it now being Blue September - a month-long fundraiser in which people host events or create challenges in support of the Prostate Cancer Foundation - Ross encouraged men to become familiar with the

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This Blue September, Ross Harris is calling on men to get checked for prostate cancer. PHOTO: KELLEY TANTAU

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Light plane crashes in Thames

By GORDON PREECE and KELLEY TANTAU

Thames Airfield says it expressed concerns about the dangers of nearby power lines for “a number of years”, and hopes the local council will now take action after a plane crashed into them on Sunday.

The plane crashed into power lines on Ngati Maru Highway near the Airfield at 12:45pm. Police told *The Profile* the pilot was reported to be uninjured after the crash.

The road reopened at 2pm after the plane was removed and the crash is now being investigated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield president Geoff Furkert told *The Profile* that while no planes had crashed into the powerlines prior to Sunday’s crash, there had been incidents with glider tow ropes hitting them.

The airfield had been talking to Thames Coromandel District Council, which owns the airfield, about putting the power lines underground, or marking them with brightly coloured marker walls, he said.

“It might be escalated now but certainly it’s been defined as a hazard for quite some time and it’s just a matter of seeing if we can’t get council and PowerCo to come to the party and get those lines underground,” he said.

“We have had a quote from



The plane crashed after the pilot lost sight of the power lines due to sunstrike.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

PowerCo to get it done but it’s really up to the council to activate it seeing they’re the operators of the airfield.”

A resident along Ngati Maru Highway told *The Profile* he had witnessed the plane “going round and round all day, doing a circuit”.

“It would pretend to come in to land then at the last moment, pull up and gain height, then go round and repeat,” he said.

“Thing is, they were up there for what seems [sic] like a long

time and I don’t remember seeing them land to refuel.”

Mr Furkert said the pilot, believed to be a member of Hauraki Aero Club for around 15 years, had been flying circuits and flew along the Thames Coast prior to the crash.

“He was landing towards the west and as he turned on to that leg to go into land, he got sun strike and he lost sight of the powerlines and it looks like he hit the powerlines with the wheels,” he said.

“We’re pleased [the crash] wasn’t a lot more severe for the pilot, these accidents can quite often be fatal.”

Mr Furkert said Hauraki Aero Club would experience income losses after the crash as the plane was the only aircraft used for public training flights.

He said the club would discuss seeking funding for a replacement plane.



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9:48am 3.4	10:01pm 3.5	10:27am 3.4	10:43pm 3.5	11:09am 3.4	11:28pm 3.4	11:56am 3.3		6:26am 0.7	6:59pm 0.9	7:22am 0.8	8:03pm 0.9	8:26am 0.8	9:10pm 0.9
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Best At 2:44am	3:06pm	Best At 3:28am	3:52pm	Best At 4:16am	4:41pm	Best At 5:07am	5:35pm	Best At 6:03am	6:33pm	Best At 7:03am	7:35pm	Best At 8:06am	8:38pm
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Whangamata	-0	07	-0	07
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

Four decades of fighting fires for Lance

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

For 40 years, Lance Cryer has answered the Puriri community's calls for help as a firefighter for the local brigade.

And while he's "here and able", he'll continue to carry on.

"I don't know where the time has gone," he told *The Profile*.

"I'm one of the lucky ones and I don't dwell on anything... when the siren goes, it's not all honey, but it's something we've chosen to do."

The Puriri Volunteer Fire Brigade, off State Highway 26, was formed on March 14, 1956.

Historical records showed it went into recession in July, 1968, and reformed again in July, 1974, with 12 members and as an auxiliary brigade to the Thames Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Lance, 75, started volunteering on June 25, 1982. Being self-employed meant he was available during the day to help whenever the Puriri siren blared. The brigade has since been reclassified as a stand-alone brigade, and has its own chief fire officer, Lance's son Wayne Cryer.

"He's done about 28 years now," Lance said.

"And we both run off when the siren goes."

Lance said the brigade "didn't get a hell of a lot" of call-outs when he first started volunteering, but that has since changed as the population around the town has grown.



Lance Cryer, 75, started volunteering with the Puriri fire brigade on June 25, 1982.

Photo: TERESA RAMSEY

In 1988, a fire broke out in Lance's own workshop when a gas plant used for cutting and welding blew up.

The crew attended, the blaze was put out, and everything got back up and running.

"We know what people go through [during a fire] but to have it happen to ourselves, well, it was one of those things," he said. "But we are trained for all that... in the training, it's no

good running the other way."

But fires were not the only emergencies Lance and the Puriri brigade had been called out to over the years.

There had also been cats stuck up trees, scrub fires, vegetation strewn across roads, vehicle accidents, and medicals.

"I can remember back not too long after we started, we had a guy who had a heart attack way up the bush here. We drove the

fire engine as far as we could, grabbed the ladder, and we had to carry him out on the ladder," he said. "It's probably a no-no now, but we took turns carrying the ladder and got out and saved him."

Lance said they never knew what they would come across when the siren went off, but it was a job he "loved" to do.

"I don't love when someone is down-and-out, but I love the

first aid part of it," he said. "It is [satisfying] helping someone, and we've done a fair bit of that over time... and while I'm here and while I'm able, I'll carry on."

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John Bertrand Collectables Buying in the Hauraki and Coromandel Regions Next Week

Once again the buyers from Wellington based company John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd are coming to the Hauraki and Coromandel Regions next week. Mr Tony Grant from the company says "This is a great time to bring along those unwanted items you've sorted out during the lockdown period and turn them into cash". Particularly wanted by the buyers are Gold and Silver (in any of its forms) and Collectables such as Old Coins and Banknotes, War Medals, Old Wind-up Watches and other interesting Old Collectables.

"We are keen buyers, especially of the items in the list below" said Mr Grant. "I'm sure everyone has unearthed something we want in the past few weeks and we would like to see it! Nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as happy to buy one item as we are buying 1,000 items". The buyers will be in convenient locations in the Hauraki and Coromandel Regions next week (see details below). As Tony Grant says "if you are in any doubt about any items you wish to sell, take them along for an instant appraisal"



Mr Anthony (Tony) W. Grant
Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand Incorporated
Director and Buyer
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Gold & Silver At Very High Prices

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Interesting Small Collectables Wanted

The buyers from John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd, visiting the Hauraki and Coromandel Regions next week, are happy to look at any interesting items, for example vintage pocket and wristwatches such as Rolex, Men's Omega, Breitling and gold watches etc. Also wanted, pre 1950's picture postcards, Maori and Pacific artefacts, old fountain pens and other small antique or historical items.

"If you have something unusual which you would like to sell, please bring it into one of our venues, we would like the chance to at least have a look at it" said Tony Grant, buyer for the Company. "We will consider anything which may be of interest to a collector" he said.

Some Big Dollars in Early Banknotes

Early New Zealand Banknotes dated before 1932 are currently fetching big money! This is according to Mr Tony Grant, author of the *John Bertrand New Zealand Coin & Banknote Catalogue*. Mr Grant is in the Hauraki and Coromandel Regions next week on a buying trip for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd and would be very keen to see any of these issues. "We will pay at least \$300 for any undamaged Ten

Shilling or One Pound banknote from a New Zealand trading bank dated 1932 or before.

Denominations of five pounds and higher would be worth from \$700. "Any banknote dated prior to 1900 would be worth at least \$1000" said Mr Grant.

Also purchased are any Reserve Bank of New Zealand pre-decimal issues, especially 50 Pound notes. All overseas banknotes are also wanted, especially early Pacific Island issues.

Collectors Need War Medals

Currently, throughout NZ and the world there is a big demand by collectors for war medals. These cover all wars right through from the New Zealand Land Wars and the Boer War, to the First and Second World Wars and the later Korea and Vietnam conflicts. New Zealand Servicemen and Women first served overseas in the Boer War in South Africa around 1900 and the war medals awarded for this service are needed by the buyers, as are any other Medals from early New Zealand and the New Zealand Wars.

General service medals from both the First and Second World Wars will also be purchased, but as can be imagined these were awarded in fairly large numbers. "If a group of medals has any special award for bravery such as the Military Medal, Military or Flying Cross or other medals for Distinguished Conduct or Meritorious Service, these can add great value to a group" stated Mr Tony Grant, buyer for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd. "Many families have old medals, some dating back to early Imperial days, that they are not sure what to do with. These are better off in the hands of collectors who will look after them. We will be happy to look at any war medals whatsoever, just bring them in to venues" he said.

Old Coins Can Toss Up a Rarity

In lockdown when you sorted out your drawers and cupboards you may have come across some old coins. You just never know what rarities may be lurking there. The advice of Tony Grant from John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd is to bring them in to the venues and have them appraised. "We want to see any old foreign coin accumulations. We are quite happy to go through your coins on the spot and give you an idea what we can pay. You just never know what can turn up. We are also particularly keen to buy pre 1946 New Zealand Silver Coins for at least 10 times their face value" he said.

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Kauaeranga dam restoration complete

By GORDON PREECE

Gushing torrents from Kauaeranga Valley's model Kauri Dam will soon open for regular displays after many hours of volunteer work by Rotary Thames to restore it.

The organisation plans to officially open the dam, located near the Department of Conservation (DOC) Kauaeranga Visitor Centre, for regular public tripping this month after 12 of its members completed restorations in 2020.

President Warren Sly told *The Profile* dam restorations began in 2014 after Rotary Thames received a letter from two Pārāwai School students asking the organisation to repair it after they noticed while on a school trip that the dam was "in disrepair".

"Our aim was to restore the dam so it could be tripped as a public event to allow schools to come up here, and keep it running as an original educational purpose to show kids how the dams work, why they were there and what their purpose was," he said.

"When it started, Max Bos-selmann, who's a retired civil engineer, checked the strength

of the dam and another one of our members John Hillary, who was manager of A&G Price at the time, used his expertise to do much of the original structuring work.

"About two years ago, we completed the restoration of the dam by replacing all the timbers of the dam and repairing the door mechanism."

Warren said the plan now was for Rotary and DOC to do regular public dam tripping



LEFT: Rotary Thames members Peter Vale, left, Warren Sly, Greg Davenport and Owen Smith. ABOVE: The Kauaeranga Valley Model Kauri Dam in action. Photo: GORDON PREECE

after the planned official opening in September.

"Because of health and safety, DOC will always be involved with every tripping, but the basic routine will be DOC will do the majority of the tripping for school trips and on routine

weekends Rotary will do the tripping for the general public," he said.

A practice dam tripping by Rotary and DOC was held on August 24. Warren said the dam restoration cost nearly \$20,000 and was paid for using Rotary funds, a \$10,000 dona-

tion from Thames Community Board and an \$8000 donation from DOC.

"I've been very grateful for all the support, DOC have been wonderfully helpful to work with to make it happen and we've got joint agreements on everything to move forward,"

he said. Warren hoped Rotary's work would enable the dam to operate for the next 10 to 15 years with routine maintenance using. Rotary's maintenance fund and the help of donations from donation boxes which are planned to be installed near the dam.

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A scene from *Traversing the Night*.

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Films set to roll for fundraiser

By GORDON PREECE

Award-winning films will be on show at Thames Civic Centre on September 3 to raise funds for Te Puru School's parent-teacher association (PTA).

Organiser Kerry Daniel told *The Profile* the event, titled NZ Mountain Film Festival National Tour, was thought of by member Jackie Taylor after she noticed the festival wasn't being screened in the Thames-Coromandel or Hauraki districts.

"It seemed like an opportunity to do something for the school in terms of fundraising but also to bring an exciting event to Thames to give everybody something fun to do on a Saturday night," she said.

"Jackie got in touch with NZ Mountain Film Festival initially and I put my hand up to organise it as a project, and the whole PTA's really got involved, which has been great."

Kerry said screening on the night are New Zealand films *Traversing the*

Night and *We Don't Usually Have Ice Creams*, plus overseas films *Ō'Parizad* and *House of The Gods*. All four films won awards at this year's NZ Mountain Film Festival held in Wānaka.

"We've got 80 tickets all together and we're about halfway through now so we're hoping it will sell out," Kerry said.

Te Puru School received financial support through local businesses to host the event, she said.

"They've all been very generous and it meant we could cover both the screening fees from the film festival and also the hiring of the Thames Civic Centre."

Kerry said one possibility of how Te Puru School would use the raised funds was replacing the school hall ovens.

DETAILS: Doors will open for the event at 6:30pm and the films will screen from 7pm to around 9:30pm with an intermission held around 8pm. Tickets, \$25 adults, \$15 for under 18s, available at Te Puru School's box office, Re-store Eco Market on Pollen St for cash only, or email: tepurupta@gmail.com.

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Local wedding businesses hitch national awards

By GORDON PREECE

A happy couple of Thames-based wedding businesses hitched national recognition for their marquee and catering services at this year's Wedding Industry Awards.

Make Your Day Events won the Outstanding Wedding Marquee Hire award, and Burton's on Pollen Lunch Bar and Catering won Outstanding Emerging Wedding Business at the awards evening held in Rotorua on August 20.

Waihi's Waterlily Gardens, Coromandel Caravan Bar, Coromandel's Hush Accommodation, Hahei's LUSH Photography and Whitianga's Rouge Beauty NZ were also finalists in this year's awards.

The Wedding Industry Awards were left at the altar in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19.

Kris Burton, who co-owns Burton's with Deb Burton, told *The Profile* she didn't even realise their name had been called out to tell them they'd won.

"We were also nominated for Outstanding Wedding Caterer and we didn't get that one this year but then Elliot [Kris's husband] was saying to me: 'Kris you're going up, you got the next award' because they were in line with each other."

Kris, who also co-owns Paeroa's Burton's Butchery with Elliot, said becoming a finalist for the award was based on recommendations from clients, nominations from other vendors, and succeeding in the



Make Your Day Events co-owners Matt and Taryn Baines with their Outstanding Wedding Marquee Hire award.

wedding industry.

"We've been going since 2017 but we really got into the wedding industry probably about three and a half years ago," she said. "We started pushing it with expos and we work with Make Your Day Events, photographers and different venues around the Coromandel Peninsula, which really helps when you get recommended by different vendors for the industry."

"Everybody loves Burton's, I've never had a bad comment,

we get raving reviews on our Facebook and Instagram, and we've had guests at weddings who've used us because we were at their friends' weddings."

Kris said she was looking forward to a successful summer wedding season, which typically ends in April.

"We're already booked out which is fantastic because we've been hanging out now since Covid-19 to push those numbers up and I'm looking forward to what 2024 will bring," she said.



Elliot and Kris Burton with their Outstanding Emerging Wedding Business award.

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Taryn Baines, who co-owns Make Your Day Events with her husband Matt, said she was "pretty stoked" with this year's award after winning Outstanding Hire and Theming and Outstanding Wedding Stylist at the Wedding Industry Awards in 2019.

"We've been doing it for six years and it's good for our customers to see they're dealing with a company that knows what they're doing," she said. "We offer marquee packages

and event styling, we offer a full service where if you're having an event, generally a wedding, you can come to us and we'll put up your whole tent and decorate the whole thing.

"Our customer service is our priority, making sure we're available to talk to them and answer any of their questions."

Taryn said her business had a "good shot" at a full summer wedding season after many cancellations and postponements in the past two years.

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Volunteers Tricia Corin, left, Phyl McGuire, Lyn Lee, Maggie Jury, Herb Montagueu-Brown.

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Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Thames has provided legal, financial, employment, housing and education advice for the community since the 1970s.

The voluntary organisation is now seeking at least 10 more volunteers to fill the empty seats so its Queen St office can reopen from three to five days a week.

Chairperson Tricia Corin said the organisation currently had around 13 volunteers but dropped from 26 over the Covid-19 period.

"Some of them had illnesses or compromised immune systems so they just didn't feel safe having to deal with members of the public face-to-face," she said.

"This is very common around the country and especially in the smaller towns a lot of bureaux have had to close for face to face appointments."

"We need to continue, not everyone knows how to use the internet or has a smartphone and CAB's national office has had a recent campaign with the government regarding

digital exclusion."

Tricia said new volunteers could be of any age and are required to undergo a police check before going through a training programme.

"We have a lot of long standing volunteers, it shows how good CAB is," she said.

"Legal advice would probably be the biggest service, we can give clients the law and what their rights are and get it clear in their heads before they visit a lawyer to enforce the law.

"We empower the people and it's nice for a person to be able to leave this area in here and leave through the door and feel that they have the knowledge they need to help themselves solve that problem."

Tricia said during days of closure, CAB's national phone number 0800 367 222 was still available for Thames residents to use and information received by CAB over the phone is emailed to the Thames office for its volunteers to deal with.

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Ngātea Primary and Netherton school students prepare their calves for calf club. From left: Imogen Beagley, William MacDonald, Blake King, George Harris, Patrick Beagley and Lachlan MacDonald.
Photo: GORDON PREECE

Calf club kids rearing to go at Ngatea

By GORDON PREECE

A thirst to connect townies with farming environments leads Julie Pirie to invite kids to her and her husband Brian's Ngātea dairy farm each year for calf club preparations.

Julie told *The Profile* she began 30 years ago when she enjoyed witnessing her eldest daughter Celine and up to five local school kids connecting with calves.

"Everyone's got something they can do to give back to the

community and this is my little way of doing it," she said.

"There were some children who needed some extra help and I thought I could help by letting them rear a calf, and the spinoff's been huge.

"Seeing the children get a thrill out of having their calf, learning about the farm, getting confidence and working with other children has been good to see."

Julie said she chose 40 one-week-old calves with a good coat this year, mainly jersey

cross breeds, for 11 kids from Ngātea Primary, Waitakaruru and Netherton schools to prepare for calf club days taking place in October.

"The children need to work 10 weeks before calf club to earn their ribbons, and equally it's teaching them how to be humble as well and to be good winners and good losers," she said.

"This year's been quite a good year for rearing calves, the secret is to just give them a good colostrum to start off with and

then we ensure they don't catch diseases, keeping things clean and tidy and trying to avoid changing their diet too fast.

"You want a calf [for calf club day] that's healthy, a good size, good feet, bright eyes, nothing too white because it's hard to keep clean and not anything as hairy because it's harder to brush."

Julie said the most kids she's had for calf club preparations was around 40, which consisted of a group from Kopuarahi School for two years.

"It's been quite difficult with Covid-19, which has been very noticeable this year, and before that M Bovis [mycoplasma bovis] so it's been four or five years of disruptions, but the kids that are into it this year love it," she said.

"In the likes of Patrick and Imogen [Beagley], they've been doing it since they were five-years-old, and when Imogen first started she was scared of the calves but now she's boots and all and washes tails.

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ABOVE: Blake, left, and his sister Kaeleigh King take care of their calf, Sonic.

BELOW: George Harris with his calf, Pickle. Photos: GORDON PREECE



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“Last year we also redeveloped the shed and we put in a lean-to, which has made a big difference in terms of air flow and keeping the calves a lot healthier and drier and it’s a lot more pleasant for the kids to work in.”

Julie said the calves rejoined the herd of 900 cows on her and Brian’s 278 hectare Central Rd dairy farm after calf club days.

“Patrick’s had eight calves so I can follow through what each of his calves have done in terms of production and whether they’ve had a calf and some have been used in calf club,” she said.

Details: Calf club days will be held at primary schools throughout Hauraki-Thames Valley in the first week of term four, which is mid-October.

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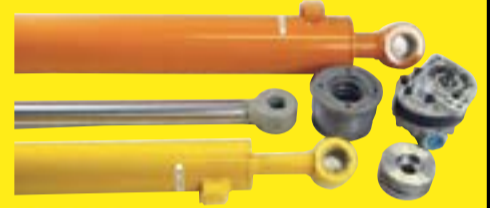


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Ngātea Lions Jill McIntosh, left, Kevin Caddy and Marilyn McMillan.



Kelly Sinclair, left, Gray Townshend, Margaret Walsh, and Jill Edgar enjoyed their time.



Meike Schmidt-Meiburg, left, and Sheryl McPherson with a daffodils bunch.



Sheryl Armstrong, left, Colleen Bayer, and Sheila Smith tuck into the goodies.



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

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Te Korowai manukura hauora Tammy Dehar outside the new Paeroa premises. PHOTO: KELLEY TANTAU



This Blue September, Ross Harris is calling on men to get checked for prostate cancer. PHOTO: KELLEY TANTAU

Te Korowai Paeroa relocates

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

Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki has moved into its much larger Whānau Health Centre in Paeroa. On Monday morning, a dawn blessing led by tohuonga Dr Korohere Ngapo marked the start of the health provider's increasing accessibility within the Hauraki rohe.

Located at 15 Princes St, the site is the former premises of the Paeroa Medical Centre.

"The great thing for us was that two-and-a-half years ago, the Hauraki whānau Māori had said they wanted more services, and they wanted them [to be] accessible. We responded by having our smaller clinic [on Belmont Rd]; however it was still limited

in terms of space and how many whānau we could actually see," Te Korowai manukura hauora [chief executive] Tammy Dehar said. "Now, we've come to a point of recognising Paeroa and its Māori population is growing significantly, and so should the availability of access to relevant care."

Tammy said the move was a great "stepping stone", especially with Te Whatu Ora Waikato joining them and providing its manaaki services for mental health, in turn "breaking down access barriers".

"It's bringing to fruition our kaupapa of: no matter which door whānau enter through, Te Korowai will treat you as one organisation. This provides more options

for whānau of Hauraki, where they can enter through various doors and still be treated with the same care and respect."

Tammy said Te Korowai, through the Hauraki locality, had an existing relationship with Paeroa Medical Centre. There were further conversations to be had, she said, but the organisation's focus was less on the "business structure" of providing health services, and more about "the people".

"If this is what the people of Paeroa, in terms of whānau Māori, are wanting, then that's what we're responding to."



True-blue month

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symptoms of the disease and take their health into their own hands. "One of the things that really grates my gears is that we, as men, don't talk about these sorts of things. We are hopeless. We make big jokes about it, and when you sit someone down and actually ask: 'When was the last time you had a PSA, when was the last time you had a rectal?' They'd rather pick up a beer and forget about it," he said.

"When I was diagnosed, I wanted people to know the truth. I told them: 'This is where I'm at - but where are you at?'"

Ross said the life expectancy after being diagnosed with prostate cancer was only around five years, but he was now at year four and was doing "fine".

"The amount of support I got from family and friends was outstanding, and you almost felt like there was a community behind you, that everyone was rooting for you, especially at [Hauraki

District] council."

The Prostate Cancer Foundation receives no government funding, and relies instead on donations to raise awareness about prostate cancer and the importance of getting regular checks for men over 50. It also advocates for improved health-care services for men with prostate cancer.

"My one-liner would be that men must take responsibility for their own health. We've got to, that's all there is to it, because no one else is," Ross said. "Our wives and daughters will be, but the medical system is not doing men any favours at all."

"And if you've had no [PSA] test - almost insist it be tested for or, for heaven's sake, a rectal examination takes 20 seconds. Get over yourself and do it."

DETAILS: For details on Blue September and how to donate, visit fundraise.prostate.org.nz



Thames man Sir Keith Park to be remembered

By MEGHAN HAWKES

Flying in the face of Air Ministry tactical thinking, Sir Keith Park led his 11th Fighter Group to a crushing defeat of the Luftwaffe that clinched the Battle of Britain during World War Two.

He ignored an official directive to use massive concentrations of fighter aircraft, sending instead small groups of Spitfires and Hurricanes into the air over London and the South of England to face the Germans. His tactics paid off on September 15, 1940 with an overwhelming victory in which at least 185 German aircraft were shot down. This triumph – the first and critical one of World War II – sealed the fate of the Luftwaffe and was largely responsible for the eventual Allied success.

Keith Park, who became known as the “Defender of London”, had earlier refused to obey an Air Ministry order to set explosive charges at British air bases because of the effect it would have on the morale of his men.

This was in keeping with the character of the man who was born in Thames in 1892, the third son and ninth of ten children born to Frances Rogers and Scotsman James Park, who earned an international reputation as a geologist.

Keith, educated at King’s College, Auckland, and Otago Boys’ High School, Dunedin, enlisted in World War I at the age of 22. He served as a gunner with the Third Reinforcements from New Zealand.

Commissioned during the Gallipoli campaign, he transferred later in the war to the Royal Flying Corps. His World War I service earned

him a Military Cross and bar “For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in accounting for nine enemy aircraft, three of which were completely destroyed and six driven down out of control.”

He was also awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and a Croix de Guerre, a French military decoration recognising feats of bravery.

His fearlessness and iron will came to the fore again in World War II when, a few weeks before the Battle of Britain, he flew the last fighter over Dunkirk, the scene of the evacuation and rescue of hundreds of soldiers.

Later in the war he commanded the defence of Malta, which could only be protected from the air, earning him further fame. Due to lack of fuel on the island, he did his rounds on a bicycle where he learnt more from his airmen and the weary civilians than from processions of dignitaries. At the end of World War II, Park was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Air Forces in South-East Asia. He regarded pompous British officers with distaste and expressed his admiration for American energy and methods. He gained a reputation as an astute tactician and a popular hands-on commander but he also became victim to envy from the Royal Air Force command.

“Jealousy and cliques,” Winston Churchill would later say, precipitated derision and demotion.

Side-lined to Air Training, Park continued to fight against pointless paperwork and patronising attitudes to lower ranks. After the war he worked in civil aviation in South America and England. He retired from the Royal Air Force in 1946 in the rank of Air Chief Mar-



Sir Keith Park was named “one of the ten greatest New Zealanders”.

shal and returned to Auckland where he took up a number of civic roles.

Despite his phenomenal achievements, Sir Keith Park received little public recognition.

On a visit to Thames in 1946, Sir Keith and Lady Park were met by local dignitaries and taken on a tour of the town, visiting Park’s previous homes in Moanataiari, Sandes St

and Totara. After a luncheon at the Hotel Imperial, he addressed a large gathering of school children in the High school grounds.

“It is a great honour to come back and receive a welcome like this from Thames,” he said.

Mayor Ensor said when people had read of his career through the years, they had little realised that he was one of Thames’ sons.

Park, tall and erect, with alert blue eyes sparkling with a quick sense of humour, made an immediate impression with his strong personality, keen perception, courtesy and enthusiasm. Even in old age he looked deceptively young, walking briskly and carrying himself well.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Rodney Park died in 1975 aged 82. Between the wars he had served in the Royal Flying Corps in Egypt and Buenos Aires. It was while an air attache in Buenos Aires that he met his wife, Dorothy. They had two sons. One, Colin, was killed while serving with the Malayan Constabulary in 1951.

One of the highlights of Sir Keith’s career was when he was aide de camp to King George at his Coronation in 1937. Sir Keith Park was one of the best-loved RAF commanders of World War II. He was as skilled at offence as he was at defence and his record made him the most outstanding fighter commander in the history of air warfare. He was, as the *Auckland Star* stated on his seventieth birthday in 1962, “one of the ten greatest New Zealanders.”

DETAILS: The Battle of Britain Commemorations this year are on September 11 at 11am at the Thames Airfield, in the proximity of the replica Hurricane Fighter which is stage one of the Sir Keith Park Memorial. The main feature of stage two is a 2.3m bronze statue of Sir Keith Park in his flying uniform, which will be mounted on plinth under the existing replica Hurricane Fighter at the Thames Airfield. To complete stage two, the Sir Keith Park memorial organisation is looking to raise \$335,000. More info: www.sirkeithparkmemorial.org.nz.

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Rescue teams conquer fierce climb

By GORDON PREECE

Seven members of the Waihi Gold Mines Rescue Team ascended the southern hemisphere's tallest building on August 20 for a flaming good cause.

This year's annual Fire-fighter Sky Tower Challenge saw around 900 New Zealand firefighters race to the top of the 328m Auckland Sky Tower carrying 25kg of gear, while also raising funds and awareness for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC).

Eight children and adults in New Zealand are diagnosed each day with blood cancer like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma and the organisation says it's dedicated to supporting patients and their families for months or even years.

It was the sixth year the rescue team took part in the challenge and member Jamie Bird, who competed in his fourth, told *The Profile* the best part was crossing the finish line.

"Overall it was pretty good, the most challenging part for this year was the heat, around halfway up you started to really feel it," he said.

"We started in the basement and then we did four flights up until you're on ground level and then you do a lap outside and then you carry on up to the



Waihi Gold Mines Rescue Team, front, and OceanaGold Macraes emergency response team before the climb.

Photo: SUPPLIED

top of the Sky Tower.

"We got hot beforehand in the basement. There was a delay and that heated us up before we headed out, and running with all our gear on kept us pretty warm."

Jamie said the rescue team, who were trained and certified in incident responses including fires, averaged between 12 and

15 minutes to conquer the Sky Tower's 51 flights of stairs, raising more than \$35,000 which made them the second highest fundraising team.

"Our other OceanaGold team from the Macraes operation in Otago raised over \$29,500 themselves, so between that and \$35,000 by the Waihi guys it's a huge contribution," he

said. Fundraising for this year has officially closed.

Jamie said the rescue team were keen to participate in next year's challenge and some members were interested in the FireFighter of Steel category, which involved climbing an extra nine flights of stairs carrying a steel cylinder instead of a carbon cylinder.

OceanaGold said steel cylinders add an extra six to nine kilograms on top of the standard 25kg of gear firefighters must carry for the Sky Tower challenge.

The category was introduced in 2015 and was awarded to 100 climbers who believed the standard challenge was 'a piece of cake'.



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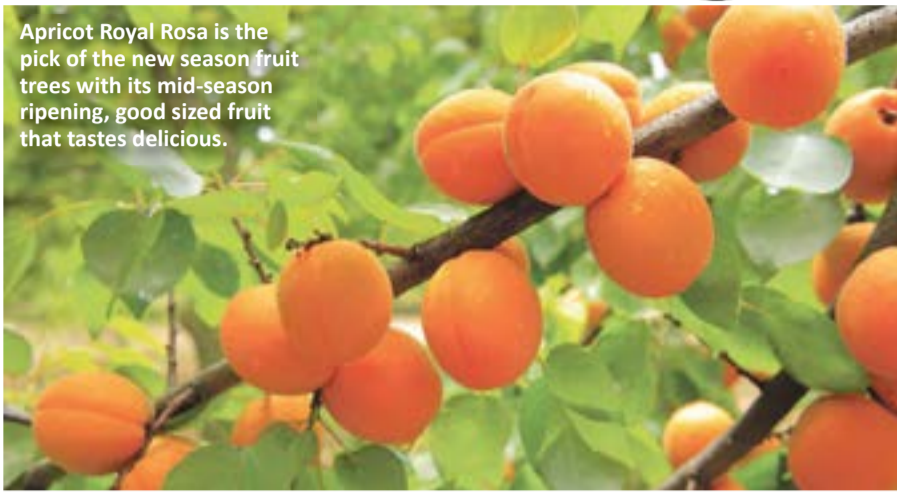
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Spring - an exciting time of year

Spring has sprung! With warming temperatures and longer days, the garden is a great place to spend time.

Spring is an exciting time of year for flowers, and there are currently some exciting varieties available.

New roses are now in store, there are plenty of stunning ones to choose from. Roses should be pruned by now. Feed them with rose fertiliser at the end of September and apply one tablespoon of epsom salts around the drip line to improve your rose's internal strength.

Summer flowering bulbs, such as dahlias, begonias and lilies, are also in store now; these give an amazing display for an extended period.

While annual seedlings are great for delightful displays of colour, perennials will give you more bang for your buck, flowering and bringing joy for many years.

Armeria Amazing Grace and Amazing Rose are fabulous colour. These plants flower nearly all year round and they won the Chelsea Flower Show plant of the year.

With the excitement of spring and the promise of warmer days, it is a perfect time to plant trees. This will allow them to establish good root systems before the heat and dry of summer and to give you fruit or some shade.

Trees can be planted in a "circle of friends", not just "orchard style". This gives better pollination, more fruit, longer harvest and saves space.

Add slow release fertiliser, compost and saturaid for best results.

Apricot Royal Rosa is self fertile and grows well in this region. It is a mid-season ripening, good sized fruit that tastes delicious and is our pick of the new season

fruit trees. Now's a good time to give your shrubs a trim if needed. They will need a good all round fertiliser, such as Tui novatec, to give them a boost. Any plants looking stressed can be rejuvenated with liquid seaweed. When choosing new shrubs, consider more drought tolerant varieties to minimise losses through tough summer conditions.

New Zealand natives Coprosma and Manuka, and Australian natives Westringia and Grevillea choices that tolerate all weather conditions and most soils, and look amazing all year round.

With the warming weather, you can give your house plants some love by potting on with fresh potting mix or potting up to a larger pot. When choosing a larger pot, make sure it is only the next size up from your existing pot so as to not put your plant under stress. Use a high quality potting mix to achieve best results.

In the vegetable garden, continue planting leafy greens, brassicas, onions, beetroot carrots and lettuce. Plant early potato crops from mid September for Christmas harvesting, and main crop toward the end of September. Prepare your garden for summer crops so you're ready to plant in October. Whilst there is still potential for cold snaps and frosts, hold off until October to plant tomatoes, capsicum, courgette, eggplant, pumpkin and basil and you will have much more success.

Happy gardening and have a fantastic spring.

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Gardening

Time to get stuck in and plant your favourites

As the soil starts to warm up, spring plants and bulbs begin to bloom and lovely new bright green spring growth starts to show. It is time to get stuck in and plant your favourite flowers and vegetables in freshly prepared, nutrient-rich soil.

Vegetables

Sow your favourite veggie seeds including carrots, beetroot, silverbeet and peas directly into your garden.

Transplant any summer seedlings out that you have propagated like lettuces, cabbage, onions, silverbeet and spinach. Cover with cloches to give a good start. Protect all seedlings with slug bait.

Now is the time to purchase your seed potatoes and lay them on a tray in a warm sunny position for about a month before planting. This process is called chitting, which means they will send out side shoots in readiness for planting.

Once the shoots are 2-4 cm you can plant. Broad Beans – Flowers begin to show on early sowings and growth rate becomes rapid as the weather warms, now is the time to provide some support. Peas – Create supports for earlier sowings and



Now is the time to create supports for early sowings of green peas.

Photo: RUSLANA BABENKO/PIXABAY

make further sowings of main season varieties.

Refresh your herb garden with new plants and sow more seeds for summer harvest.

Flower Garden

Sow your favourite seeds of alyssum, cornflower, California poppy, cosmos, celosia, gerbera, impatiens, lobelia, petunia, salvia and zinnia.

Sow seedlings of calendula,

chrysanthemum, delphinium, hollyhock, marigold, polyanthus and primula just to name a few. Plant out dahlia tubers and gladioli corms for summer flowering.

Complete pruning of fuchsias, hydrangeas, hibiscus and other flowering shrubs.

To get the best out of your spring planting, liquid feed and protect from slugs and snails.

Protect new rose growth from pests and diseases with a regular

spray regime. Feed and mulch roses, trees and flower beds. Dead head regularly to encourage consistent flowering. Time to replant pots and refresh the soil of existing plants with new soil, compost, blood and bone and sheep pellets. Or liquid feed if this is not possible.

Fruits

Feed berry vines, citrus and fruit trees with citrus fertiliser.

All trees benefit from a dressing of fertiliser and a good layer of mulch. Prune passionfruit vines and feijoas to encourage new growth and more fruit.

Apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots and cherries will benefit from an application of copper sprays prior to bud burst and again after flowering will help to cover any diseases that are on the tree.

Apply fortnightly applications of a foliar fertiliser to strawberries to stimulate sturdy growth. Continue to plant out strawberry plants as well as blueberries and rhubarb.

Lawns

Set the mower higher and cut grass at regular intervals. Broad leaf weeds and prickly weed (Onehunga weed) can be sprayed this month.

Now is the perfect time to sow a new lawn or fix those bare patches.

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SPORTS

Centenary win

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Festive celebrations for the Thames Valley Rugby Union's centenary were complemented with a festival style of rugby in the match between Thames Valley and West Coast at Te Aroha on Saturday.

The Swamp Foxes won their Bunnings Heartland Championship match by 36 to 26 and in doing so have moved up to fourth place on the points ladder. They also become the inaugural holders of The Game cup which Graham O'Brien presented to captain Connor McVerry at the conclusion of the match.

Thames Valley concluded the game with a try from a rolling maul which gave them the 36 – 26 victory. This was in complete contrast to their five previous tries, which all came from swooping movements originating deep inside their own half.

This counter attacking style of rugby enabled the Swamp Foxes to have the edge over the Coasters, who were stronger in the scrums and had a territorial advantage. Thames Valley had lost both regular half backs following injuries in the South Canterbury match. Nui Muriwai, from Waikato University, was called in as a last minute replacement and he filled the gap admirably. He skilfully varied his play and his crisp passing was a feature of the game. Muriwai was named as Thames Valley's player of the match. Both sides were

strong in the mid field with Valley's Sweeney and McCahon and Smith, and Anderson from West Coast cancelling each other out. Daniel Davis, Troy Tauwhare and Daniel Foord, West Coast's front row were invaluable to their team and Foord used all of his 140kgs to score an excellent try.

At half time, Thames Valley were ahead 19-7. As they entered the final quarter, the Swamp Foxes had extended their lead to 29 -14 but West Coast were by no means out of the game.

They took advantage of the Foxes being reduced to 14 men as the result of a yellow card, and rattled up twelve points. With only three points separating the two teams, West Coast were in with a chance to draw or win but then came the rolling maul with Blake Hill scoring the try just after returning from the sin bin.

For Thames Valley: Sam McCahon, Nui Muriwai, Calum Wood, Todd Doolan, Cameron Dromgool and Blake Hill scored tries with Doolan kicking three conversions.

Shayne Anderson, Daniel Foord, Amenatava Tukana and Troy Tauwhare scored tries for West Coast with Ben Wyness kicking three conversions. Next week Thames Valley travel to Taumarunui to play King Country.

OTHER RESULTS: Thames Valley Vixens 29, Ngati Porou East Coast 17; Thames Valley Emerging Players 26, King Country 27; Thames Valley Under 20s 7, Waikato Divisional Colts 63, and Thames Valley Under 16s 78, Corinthians 8.



The Thames Valley forward pack prepares for a scrum.

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Todd Doolan heads for the try line.



Calum Wood gets a try.



Swamp Foxes forge ahead to defeat the West Coast.



Graham O'Brien presents The Game cup to captain Connor McVerry.

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Nui Muriwai was named player of the match.

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Viv Leonard says fairness is the key to Arkwrights' success.

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Speed changes ahead

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

Some of Thames' most-travelled roads could have their speed limits reduced following public consultation and a district council submission to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

The changes could see rural routes lowered to 70 or 80km/h; the areas surrounding urban and rural schools reduced to 30km/h; and sections of town centres, such as Pollen St, lowered to 30km/h.

This is to "achieve alignment" with the government's Road to Zero strategy, council said, which aims to reduce deaths and serious injuries on New Zealand roads by 40 per cent by 2030.

"What happens is, we do a speed management plan, we lodge it into the regional [council's] speed management plan, which may or may not be accepted in its entirety, and then Waka Kotahi can decide whether it accepts the regional plan," explained Thames-Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie at a meeting on August 9.

"But from that point on, Waka Kotahi has absolute control... we have no say in the matter."

A 2021 review of 59 roads and four settlement areas throughout the district showed that Kauaeranga Valley Rd could be reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h due to its "loss of control" crashes; its poor alignment, and its cycling and pedestrian usage.

The Tapu Coroglen Rd along the Thames Coast could also be reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h due to its poor alignment and "loss of control" crashes.

Puriri Valley Rd could be changed from 50km/h to 30km/h as it runs in front of Puriri School, while Pollen St, as well as the area surrounding Thames Hospital, could also be reduced to 30km/h

for safety reasons. However, before any changes are made, residents are invited to complete a survey until September 14, with one question asking what speed limits were best for unsealed and sealed roads, town centres, residential areas, cul-de-sacs, and areas with high pedestrian usage.

At the August 9 meeting, Mercury Bay councillor Tony Fox questioned the reports presented to council, and said none of them emphasised speed as one of the contributing factors to crashes in the district. "It's drugs, alcohol, inattention, texting, errors of judgement, crossing the centreline, all those things... and speed is not mentioned in the report."

"I'm confused," Thames councillor Martin Rodley said. "Are you saying there's no accidents caused by speed? All those factors that you mentioned - the inattention, the fatigue, the lack of judgement - are compounded if people are going at a higher speed."

"He's nailed it," Coromandel councillor John Morrissey interjected. "Nailed it."

But councillor Sally Christie asked her colleagues to "cut the facetiousness and get on with the work at hand".

Residents have until September 14 to complete the questionnaire, available on council's website or in council offices at Mackay St, Thames.

Following the engagement period, staff will collate the responses, and while council anticipates there may be "significant public feedback", a public hearing was not expected to be needed.

The finished report will be submitted to Waikato Regional Council, which will collate it into a regional speed management plan. It'll be sent to Waka Kotahi for final review and entered into the national speed limits register.



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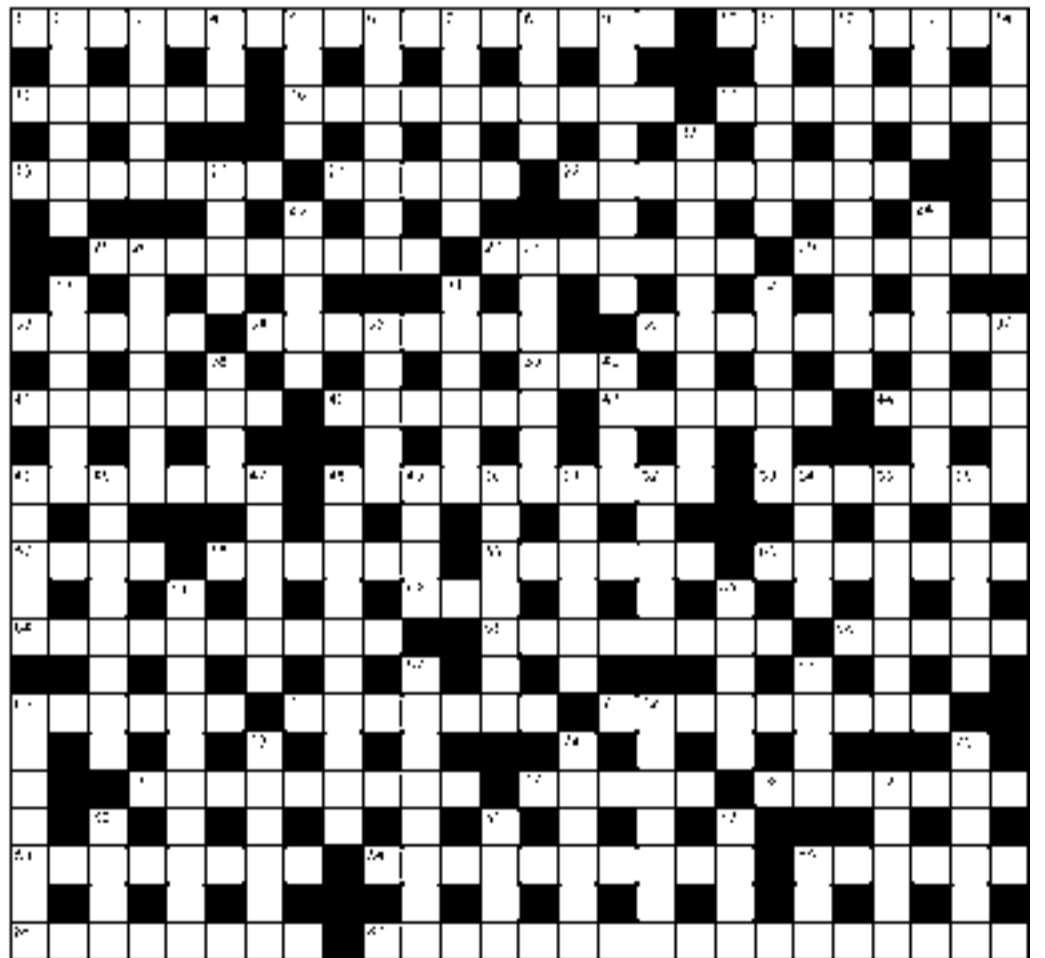
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Make favourable mention of someone (3,2,1,4,4,3)
 - 10 Curved sword (8)
 - 15 Deceased's property (6)
 - 16 Smother (10)
 - 17 Old coin (8)
 - 19 Go backwards (7)
 - 21 Insurgent (5)
 - 22 Situation of fierce, ruthless competition (3,3,3)
 - 25 Highest (9)
 - 27 Having the ability (7)
 - 29 Planks (6)
 - 33 Sailing vessel (5)
 - 34 Country formerly Ceylon (3,5)
 - 36 Put a name to (10)
 - 39 Novel (3)
 - 41 Bland (7)
 - 42 Overseas (6)
 - 43 A pound has 16 (6)
 - 44 At a distance (4)
 - 45 Student (7)
 - 48 Type of food-poisoning (10)
 - 53 Tasted (7)
 - 57 Compulsion (4)
 - 58 Improvement (6)
 - 59 Revenue (6)
 - 60 Army officer (7)
 - 62 Metal with symbol Sn (3)
 - 64 Intended to criminally deceive (10)
 - 65 Supervisor (8)
 - 66 Fence of bushes (5)
 - 69 Horse barn (6)
 - 70 Thaw (7)
 - 71 Violent disaster (9)
 - 76 Returned to health (9)
 - 77 Sing praises of (5)
 - 78 Excessive bureaucracy (3,4)
 - 83 Raised (8)
 - 84 Light (10)
 - 85 One who owes money (6)
 - 86 Scatter (8)
 - 87 Concession that a person suspected of guilt is innocent (7,2,3,5)
 - DOWN**
 - 2 Invisible (6)
 - 3 Enraged (5)
 - 4 Beer (3)
 - 5 Egg-shaped (4)
 - 6 Make downhearted (7)
 - 7 Vital gas (6)
 - 8 Speaker's platform (4)
 - 9 Discretionary (8)
 - 11 Sly (6)
 - 12 Large busy city (10)
 - 13 Threesome (4)
 - 14 Feelings of remorse (7)
 - 18 Deadly nightshade (10)
 - 20 Storage building (4)
 - 23 Sting (5)
 - 24 Producing good results, profit (8)
 - 26 Condition in contract (7)
 - 28 Forsake (7)
 - 30 Private or specialised hospital (6)
 - 31 Notify (6)
 - 32 Riles (6)
 - 35 N African country (5)
 - 37 Challenged (5)
 - 38 Prima donna (4)
 - 40 Sheep's covering (4)
 - 45 Powdered tobacco (5)
 - 46 New Year's Eve in Scotland (8)
 - 47 Tiny wave (6)
 - 48 Wasted (10)
 - 49 Fluff (4)
 - 50 Foreshadowing tragedy (7)
 - 51 Go over (6)
 - 52 Branches (5)
 - 54 Eagerly expectant (4)
 - 55 Superior skill (7)
 - 56 Vigour (6)
 - 61 Mix impurities in (10)
 - 63 Hold up (5)
 - 67 Extremely loyal (4-4)
 - 68 Run off (4)
 - 69 Follow (7)
 - 72 Green-fleshed fruit (7)
 - 73 Very intimate friends (6)
 - 74 XXX less II (6)
 - 75 Self-assurance (6)
 - 79 Forbidden (5)
 - 80 Untidiness (4)
 - 81 Silent (4)
 - 82 Matted wool fabric (4)
 - 85 Colouring agent (3)



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ENTERTAINMENT

Paeroa Youth Theatre set to debut

By GORDON PREECE

A theatre show written from a hospital bed and starring local school kids is set to dazzle Paeroa Baptist Church for two performances this weekend.

Snow White and the Magic Mirror is the inaugural production by Paeroa Youth Theatre, which was formed in April by Christine Deverne who moved to Paeroa from Auckland in 2020.

"I used to do a lot of children's theatre when I lived in Auckland and after a production of *Little Red Riding Hood* at the end of last year at Paeroa Little Theatre, I could see there was a demand, the kids loved it," she said.

"I wondered what Paeroa Youth Theatre's first show would be, so I started writing it in the hospital [in April and May] when I was bored."

Christine said Covid-19 messages while in hospital provided inspiration for some *Snow White and the Magic Mirror* characters, which include Leprechaun-Omni named after Omicron and Corona the Wizard named after coronavirus.

The production was also inspired by fairytales but Christine said audiences shouldn't expect it to be like Disney.



Christine Deverne

"*Snow White and The Magic Mirror* is Queen Charity, who wishes for a child and the Magic Mirror gives her one which is Snow White, and at the celebration of her birth, Corona the Wizard gets forgotten so he takes over and casts a spell," she said.

"He turns everybody into slaves but Snow White is the only one who has the magical power to break the spell but they have to wait until she grows up."

Christine said all eight children from Waihi College and St Joseph's Catholic, Miller Avenue, Netherton and Hikutaia schools who auditioned at the end of May for the production were cast. They have been rehearsing every week since the end of June.

"These kids are so enthusias-



The *Snow White and the Magic Mirror* cast will take to the stage this week.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

tic and they're doing so well," she said.

"Part of what we're doing is we're teaching theatre manners, what's expected and channelling their energy.

"Theatre builds teamwork, it builds confidence, it lets them express themselves and we've got some talented singers

who've never sung before."

Christine said the production's music was written by her cousin and New Zealand composer Gary Deverne, and produced by Paeroa musician Wayne Morrison.

"It's going to be a very fun show, please come along and support these talented young-

sters," Christine said.

DETAILS: The performances are scheduled to be held at Paeroa Baptist Church on Wood St at 6pm on September 2 and 11am on September 3. Tickets: Adults \$10, and children can enter with a donation, with funds raised going towards church hire and costume costs.

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