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## Fear after dog attack

Six months on from a “nightmare” dog attack in Waihi, Yifat Goddard still doesn't have the full use of her hand. **KELLEY TANTAU** reports

It was a quiet Saturday morning when Yifat Goddard decided to go for a walk around her neighbourhood.

The Waihi woman was still in view of her house when a dog ran from a property and attacked her, unprovoked.

“By the time I looked back, the dog was in my face. I put my hand out and he grabbed me and dragged me a little bit down the street until I held a plant on one of the fences.

“I could hear the bones breaking,” she said. “I knew straight away there was a problem.”

Yifat was one of 21 people attacked by a dog in the Hauraki district in the year to June, 2022.

According to the local council, this number had “increased considerably” from 11 reported dog attacks on people in the previous year.

There were also 205 reports of roaming dogs.

Despite this, Hauraki District Council did not believe there was a “significant issue” with dogs in the district.

But Yifat and the man who stopped to help her disagree.

“The owner got a \$200 fine... and it costs more if you don't pick up your dog's faeces [\$300],” Yifat said.

“It's not that I am against the owner, I'm against the fact that there are dog attacks and they can be avoided with a bit more force from the council.”

A man working in the area on the morning of March 26, who asked not to be named, saw the attack unfold. He said the dog ran across the street and “flew” itself at Yifat, proceeding to bite down on her arm.

“The screaming that was going on... it was a nightmare.”

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Yifat Goddard needed 40 stitches after a dog attacked her and still doesn't have the full use of her hand. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU



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# Dog attack victim unable to use hand

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He believed there was a problem with roaming and unregistered dogs in the town, and that it was the council's job to police the issue.

"I've seen dog attacks before; I've seen the wounds of the person after it happened. If a human did that, I'd expect them to go through the courts. Who is taking responsibility for these attacks?" he asked.

"I don't want anyone else to witness what I witnessed."

The incident left Yifat bloodied and bruised on the sidewalk. She needed at least 40 stitches and still does not have the full use of her hand.

The owner of the dog - which was registered as a Bull Mastiff cross - euthanised their pet voluntarily.

Six months later, Yifat has only just started to drive again.

"I don't walk anymore. I'm too scared. That's the mental damage that comes with cases like this," she said.

"I can't go to friends' houses that have dogs, unless they tie them or put them in another room, so, yes, it has its impacts, absolutely."

According to a council report, dog attacks on other dogs or animals remained higher than attacks on humans, with 31 reported incidents in the past year. The number of infringement notices filed to court was slightly up compared with infringements in the previous year, from 62 to 74 in 2021/22.

No prosecutions were under-



The dog attack left Yifat Goddard bloodied and bruised on a Waihi sidewalk.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

taken in the 2021/22 year.

"The owner of the offending dog [in Yifat's case] rang council and reported the incident," a council spokesperson told *The Profile*.

"They surrendered the dog to our animal control officer within an hour of the event taking place. The dog was euthanised the following day.

"Our animal control officer visited Ms Goddard a couple of days after the event and talked through what action we had taken in regards to the offend-

ing dog and the fine issued to the owner. The matter was reported to the police."

In total, 479 incidents were reported to council between July, 2021, to June, 2022.

Council's spokesperson said the number of roaming dogs was low two years ago (171) and this was most likely a result of the Covid-19 lockdowns and people working from home.

In the two years prior, council recorded 206 and 259 reports of roaming dogs.

"We do not believe that there

is a significant issue with dogs in our district, but any dog attack is a concern and something that we take very seriously," they said.

**DETAILS: Should anyone observe a roaming dog or are threatened or attacked by a dog, council asks that people call as soon as possible. It also helps if people are able to send pictures of the dog. Council's phones are monitored 24/7: 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834.**



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Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0 12

# Thieves fleece \$2k from bank account

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

A Waihi woman is reminding people to be money-aware after her Visa debit card was used to fleece her of \$2000.

Dale Fleetwood noticed something was wrong with her finances on June 4, after her debit card kept declining at petrol stations and supermarkets.

"It was so embarrassing. You get up to the check-out, and your card declines... I got rather ill over it, to be frank," she told *The Profile*.

But Dale kept the problem to herself, believing it to be some sort of error with her superannuation payments, and didn't alert her family.

It was more than a week later when she got through to her bank - Kiwibank - and was immediately told someone was withdrawing money from her account.

"I was going hungry, but that was my own fault," she said. "I should have contacted my family."

She went to Kiwibank in Thames before being transferred to the bank's fraud department, which she said initially told her they wouldn't be able to reimburse her funds. Then, they agreed to deposit \$50, then, finally the full \$2000. "When I found out what had happened, I went to the [Waihi] Police, and the receptionist there was absolutely



Dale Fleetwood is cautioning people to keep their wits about them when using social media and when sharing account details after a thief took \$2000 from her.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

brilliant. She said it was very common, and they gave me a big box of food, which blew me away."

Dale said the thief appeared to be someone living in New Zealand, as there was an array of TradeMe purchases and transactions made in Northland.

She has since received a new bank card and the offending seems to have stopped, but she still doesn't know what happened for her account to have been targeted.

"[People] said I must have dropped my card somewhere and someone's come along... but no, that was not the case," she said. "Nothing like this has ever happened to me and I never want it to happen again, and even though it did happen, I still don't know how it happened."

Dale is now cautioning people to keep their wits about them when using social media and when sharing account details.

"Never, ever give anyone your

bank details," she said.

"The bank and the police kept asking if I do internet banking and no, I don't. They asked if I buy anything online. No, I don't."

Dale also said victims of online scams need to ask for help from friends and family.

"It's just so personal," she said. "You think you've done something wrong. But if something is wrong, don't ignore it."

A Kiwibank spokesperson told *The Profile* it was really important for victims to no-

*"It was so embarrassing. You get up to the check-out, and your card declines... I got rather ill over it, to be frank."*

- Dale Fleetwood

tify their bank as soon as they suspected something had happened.

"If you've been the victim of unauthorised activity on your accounts, we'll reimburse any money you've lost as long as you've complied with our general terms and conditions, haven't acted dishonestly or negligently, and have taken reasonable steps to protect your banking," they said.

Kiwibank advises taking several measures to stay safe: Keep your contact details up to date so a bank can let you know if it notices anything suspicious; don't let your card out of your sight - if a retailer needs to swipe your card, make sure they give it back to you straight away; where possible, swipe your card through Eftpos terminals yourself; check your statements for any transactions that you don't recognise; and never give your card details to someone over the phone unless you initiated the call and you know the company is reputable.



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# Education

## Thousands of kai packs created at college

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

More than 5000 meals have been made by students at Waihi College this year, filling a hunger gap within the Hauraki community.

Every Wednesday, a group of predominantly Year 12 students - lead by school service leader Divyash Swamy - don aprons and prepare around 200 kai packs which are then offered for free to the public.

It's a "heartwarming" act of goodwill that is worth one lunchtime a week to pursue, Divyash said.

"It's become huge now, but the only thing that could be improved on is the [number of students] who come," he told The Profile.

"When we first started, a lot of Year 13s came and this classroom used to be full of people, but it's kind of lowered in numbers. I'm completely fine with missing out on one lunchtime a week, and we have just as much fun here as we do sitting outside."

Creating kai packs at the college kicked off this year, when technology teacher Siobhan Fitzgerald noticed how much food was being wasted when students - absent from school due to Covid-19 - did not collect



Waihi College kai pack creators Olivia Elliott, Divyash Swamy, and Dianna Oak.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

their free lunches.

To combat this waste, they arranged to use the remaining raw ingredients to create meals for the public.

Divyash said the solution was "a really good way to give back to the community".

"It makes me feel happy, in a way, because it shows that peo-

ple are receiving what we're giving them, but it also gives me the sense that there are so many people out there who need help.

"That's what motivates us to keep us going and give as much as we can."

Mrs Fitzgerald said the student helpers were "incredible" and gave credit to Divyash's

commitment.

"This young man brings a crew every single week. He's our service leader and he's really risen to that role," she said. "It's mostly Year 12s who are coming, and I think they just enjoy the fact they can do something for someone else."

Around 200 food portions are

made up each Wednesday, and are stored in one of the college's three freezers. Members of the public are welcome to walk into the student centre and fill up a bag. Almost every week, the freezers need to be refilled, Mrs Fitzgerald said.

"Sometimes people don't feel comfortable coming here; there's a bit of a stigma still around it, so we're trying to make it as open and as easy to access as we can.

"But doing it this way means it can get to the right people."

Meanwhile, the college is gearing up for its annual head shave event to raise funds for leukaemia.

The event will take place at the school on Thursday, September 29 at 6.30pm, and the college is encouraging a great audience support.

With a gold coin entry, attendees can lap up the music and entertainment, sausage sizzle, and all the hair-chopping action. Cash donations can be made on the night, and if brave visitors want to join in at the spur of the moment, they are welcome to partake. Last year the college raised \$9724 and was hoping to achieve the same feat in 2022.



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### Busy, Busy - Term 3 at Waihi College

Waihi College is flat out again this term, with lots going on in sport and service especially. We currently have teams from Year 7&8 off at the AIMS Games, and this year we have students representing Waihi College in netball, basketball and tennis. We are also running a school House Sports-a-thon with tons of games to get involved in such as badminton, basketball, volleyball, netball and softball. Anyone can participate and win points for their house. Currently Royal is leading in badminton and Empire in basketball, but anything could happen at this stage! We even award house points for supporters so it's a whole school affair!

Recently our Elementary Girls and Boys both won their finals games for TCBA (Tauranga City Basketball Association). Huge thanks to their coaches and managers - what an awesome season they've had.

Our Super Tuesday Environmental Projects class has also been busy, planting out a section of Hollis Bush in native trees. They will soon be adding pathway signs and learning more about the Hollis Bush area. Thanks to Warwick Buckman, Geoff Wickman and David Tait for their ongoing support and dedication - the dream team!



Daffodil Day was a huge success again this year, raising just under \$750.00 for the massively worth cause. Fantastic work by our Leader of Service, Divyash Swamy and his amazing team who got everyone involved and ran the bake sale. Extra shout out to Mrs Fitz and her class for the amazing cupcakes too.

Also on the service front, the Waihi College Leo's Club is huge this year! We have the most members we've had in a long time (around 23 and climbing) and they are getting stuck into some great projects with thanks to the amazing Anne Marie Spicer. This year our Leo's President is Meg Thomas, Vice President is Sabine Rush and our Secretary is Divyash Swamy. Recently they have been helping Tina at the Gift Box by splitting up bulk packs of dried foods like tea, pasta, Weetbix, oats, icing sugar, cornflour and more to put at the local food stalls. They also made a huge batch of muesli and split it into family sized bags. Many of these students, are also involved in our Kai Care cooking which takes place very Wednesday and so far Waihi College has made just over 5000 meals this year for the community. Don't forget you can collect some of these Kai Care meals from the freezer in the Student Centre.

Later this month we are looking forward to Spirit Days and the Head Shave... Bring it on!

Check out the Keeping Informed section of the Waihi College website to stay informed with all things Waihi College [www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)



# Lack of prostate resources a 'horror story'

**Prostate cancer kills as many men as breast cancer kills women, so why is there less information about it in local health centres? KELLEY TANTAU continues her coverage of prostate cancer awareness during Blue September.**

A little over a week ago, Barry Young was in a Thames cafe talking to a man about prostate cancer.

"I said to the bloke: 'You're about the age, have you had a check-up?'"

"He said: 'No, I'll never do that. If I get it, so what?'"

A number of reactions coursed through Barry's body. As a former president of the New Zealand Prostate Cancer Foundation, and as a man who was diagnosed with the disease more than 20 years ago, his first thought was that the stranger was "stupid".

"Second - I wondered if I should've done more to persuade him. Third - it was to, as I did, walk away from it and wonder what can you do?"

Barry tells it clearly. He has watched men die with the disease.

Every year, more than 4000 Kiwi blokes are diagnosed with prostate cancer and around 650-700 die from it.

Barry says he is "more than emotionally involved" because he was diagnosed when he was



Barry Young is disappointed local GPs don't hold brochures about prostate cancer.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

now becoming "convinced" he needed to do more about prostate cancer.

He visited the Thames Medical Centre and Te Korowai to look for information on the disease but couldn't find any.

"I was in here [Thames Medical] some weeks ago, and went to the brochures, and while I was looking, one of the doctors came out and said: 'Can I help you?' I said: 'I'm looking for information about prostate cancer, and I can't see any'."

"At neither place is there any information about prostate cancer. So, what is going on?"

"Is this right through the country? If it is, it's a bloody horror story."

Paul Hayes, the NZ Prostate Cancer Foundation's fundraising and marketing manager who manages Blue September, told *The Profile* the lack of availability of information on prostate cancer in GP and other health clinics was an ongoing issue.

"As far as we are aware, most Te Whatu Ora Health NZ regions do not routinely provide this information in either their hospital clinics or to primary healthcare clinics in their region."

He said the Prostate Cancer Foundation had many different leaflets, posters, and other information tools that were available for both hospital and primary healthcare clinics to use, free of charge.

just 56.

He doesn't want to tempt fate, but says "at this time" he is free of the cancer, and credits his positive outcome to good doctoring.

He was sent for a biopsy after his PSA test - a test that measures the amount of prostate-specific antigen in the blood - came

back with a reading of 4.

"The first biopsy... nothing. But, being a good doctor, he said: 'I really think we should do another'. I discussed it with my wife, Caroline, and she said: 'Barry, they're trying to tell you something.'"

Cells showing signs of change were found in Barry's body, and

eventually, he asked for a radical prostatectomy, a major operation which moves the removal of the entire prostate gland and surrounding lymph nodes.

"And I'm still here 25 years later."

When he moved to Thames, Barry set up a group for all men's cancers, but said he was

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Graeme Hodgson, left, and Luke Steward lead the national anthem.



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# Waikino School fights for full status

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

A Hauraki school is left wondering why it's not allowed to accept students in Year 7 and 8, an option its principal says would be beneficial to tamariki not ready for a "jump in learning".

Waikino School has been trying to get the Ministry of Education to approve enrolment for Year 7 and 8 pupils (ages 10-13) since 2019, but principal Jo Wheway says her attempts have been unsuccessful.

Now, a proposed enrolment scheme for the neighbouring Karangahake School has motivated Jo to try again.

"Ninety-nine per cent of our kids go to Waihi College, which has an intermediate, and most of our kids are ready to go to that intermediate," she explained.

"So if we have an option for kids to stay, it's actually only for those who aren't developmentally ready for that next big jump in learning."

The proposed enrolment scheme for Karangahake School extends enrolment for Year 7s and 8s further than its enrolment for Year 1-6s.

It spans eastwards to include the area surrounding Waikino School, securing the option for Waikino leavers to enrol at Karangahake, 6km away across the gorge.

Jo would instead prefer the option of Year 7 and 8s staying



Waikino principal Jo Wheway wants Year 7 and 8 students to be able to stay at her school should they choose to.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

at Waikino, should they choose to.

"It may not be significant numbers, but it's what that child needs," she said. "Most are happy to go off to the college... but moving school for two years, to then move schools again is quite a stupid thing to do to a child because it'll mess them up on their journey."

Jo surveyed her students' parents and one called the proposal "absurd".

"The children of Waikino have developed strong relation-

ships through all year levels. To force them to move schools would be detrimental to all areas of their development," they said. "It is a real concern this has even been proposed."

Another said their child should not be "pushed" out of the school because of "zoning bureaucracy".

"Waikino is a very holistic, special, and unique school, and my son needs Waikino as much and as long as possible for his educational hauora."

Ministry of Education hautū

(leader) operations and integration Sean Teddy told *The Profile* consultation on the proposed Karangahake School zone was currently underway, and Waikino School had been sent the information on where to make a submission to the process.

"When making a decision on whether or not to establish an enrolment zone, the Ministry of Education considers how to make best use of the schooling network and manage the school roll in order to protect

the school from overcrowding," he said.

"Consideration is also given to natural boundaries, current transport entitlement zones for schools, and any enrolment schemes already in place at neighbouring or contributing schools."

The Ministry of Education did not say why Waikino School was not able to accommodate Year 7 and 8 students.



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# Ducky fundraiser set to return

By GORDON PREECE

The “leading fundraiser” for Thames Coast Community Kindergarten is set to take flight after a one-year hiatus.

The Great Te Puru Duck Race is scheduled to take place on September 17 from 11am with raffles, food stalls, face painting, games at the West Crescent kindergarten and four race events at the Te Puru Stream.

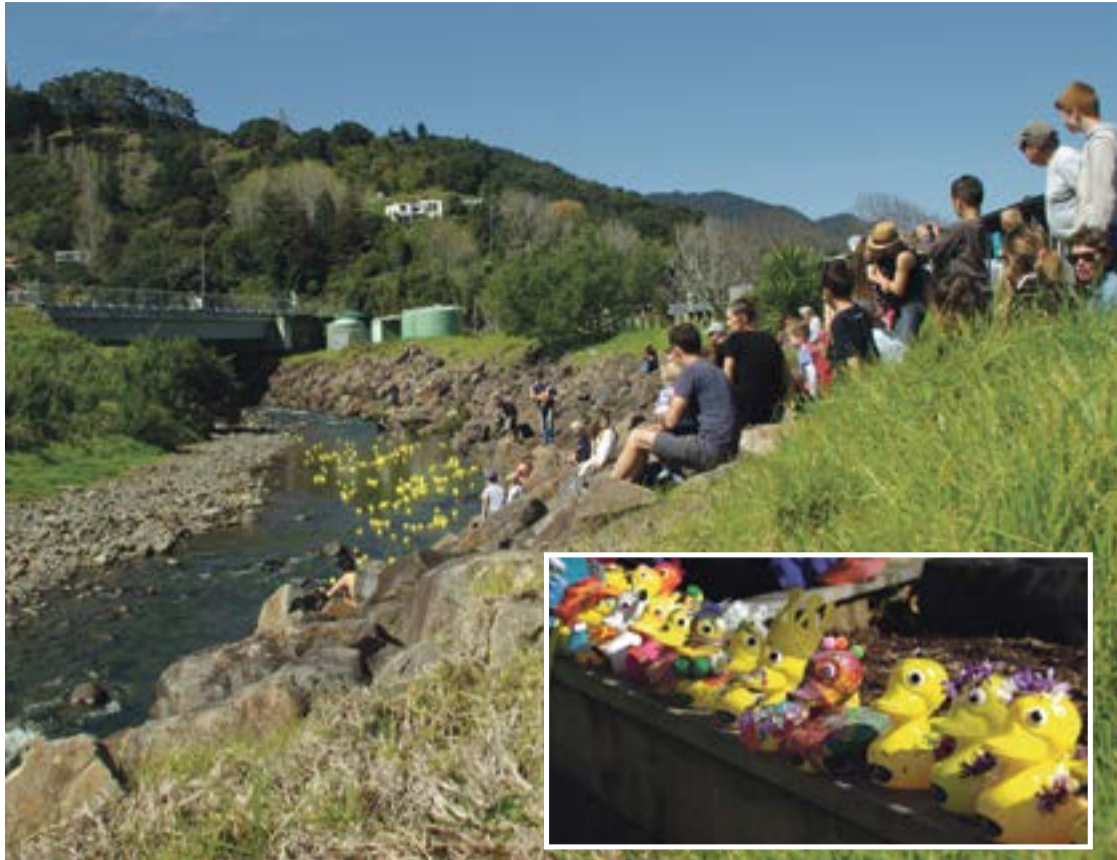
Committee chairperson Izaac Garmey told *The Profile* around 100 people had waddled to Te Puru for the event in previous years and this year was expected to be “fun for all ages”.

“It’s a natural amphitheatre, we’ve got all the rocks leading down to the river so everyone lines the edges of the river and in the last few years it’s been a nice day and it’s nice to be Covid free,” he said.

“A couple of lucky parents tip big bags of plastic ducks over the side of the Te Puru bridge and we all watch them float downstream.”

Izaac said the races would include ducks decorated by the kindergarten’s children and two races with non-motorised boats made by primary school children, teenagers and adults which they could enter for \$5.

“They’re the most interesting races, the kids come along,



The return of the Great Te Puru Duck Race is expected to be “fun for all ages”. INSET: Rubber ducks are decorated by kindy kids for the race.

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they are our future Team New Zealand boat builders, and all materials are allowed apart from polystyrene,” he said.

Izaac said a \$5 raffle duck race would also take place where 100 numbered ducks would race downstream with the winners planned to receive

prizes.

Izaac said the money raised from the event would go towards a new mural, resources and building restoration for the kindergarten.

The kindergarten raised around \$2000 at its clothing swap fundraiser in June and

the money went towards outdoor storage facilities.

**DETAILS: The Great Te Puru Duck Race, Thames Coast Community Kindergarten, 4 West Crescent, 11am, boat race and raffle duck entries are \$5 on the day, raffle tickets can also be purchased at [tcckindy@gmail.com](mailto:tcckindy@gmail.com).**

## In Brief

### QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIES

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died at the age of 96 on September 8 at Balmoral Castle, surrounded by her family. Her son King Charles III said the death of his mother was a “moment of great sadness” for him and his family. Thames-Coromandel District Council will fly its flag at half-mast from the announcement of her death up to and including the day of the funeral, except on Proclamation Day – the day the new Sovereign is announced officially, when flags are to be flown from the top of the mast. A ceremony was held at Parliament on September 11 to celebrate the accession of King Charles III as sovereign of New Zealand. The Queen visited the district in 1969, and Mayor Sandra Goudie said Queen Elizabeth II had been “an enduring, guiding force for both our Commonwealth and the realms of the world”.

### HAURAKI RD REPAIRS

Work to repair an 810 metre stretch of Hauraki Road between SH2 and Wharepoa Rd has started and will continue until October 31 to address the slumping, rutting and settling of the road surface caused by excessive contraction of the underlying peat soils on the Plains during the 2019-20 drought.

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# Thames memories inspire new sculpture

By GORDON PREECE

A temporary sculpture inspired by warm memories of Thames is the newest to be installed by Thames Public Art Trust.

The 3-metre high corten steel and stainless steel sculpture, at the corner of Pollen and Campbell streets, was designed by Auckland artist Jay Hogan who now hopes the public's interpretations of it would provide him with ideas for the sculpture's name.

"It's a new format for me to try something new and see what people's opinions would be, but also to show people what calibre I'm at now and to be able to become noticed in Aotearoa for my skill set.

"I spend a lot of time in Thames with my daughter due to my mother bringing me here as a child and staying at various lodges and family baches and I thought the town could do with something very unique.

"I'd also gone through a lot of healing in the mountains of Thames and I was inspired by different koros and the sheer height of the sculpture incorporates the mountains."

Thames Public Art Trust trustee Rob Johnston told *The Profile* the new sculpture, which was installed on September 8, was always part of the trust's plan to have more tem-



Auckland artist Jay Hogan, left and Thames Public Art Trust trustee Rob Johnston installed the new sculpture on September 8. Photo: GORDON PREECE

porary art in the town. "Jay was introduced to me through Fiona Cameron at the end of 2019, and he presented this particular work to us as an option and wondered whether we'd be interested, and we were," he said.

"We had been in discussion with Thames-Coromandel District Council from around that

time and really spent time ironing out the best place in town that it would go.

"So we finally got it on the ground after quite a while but it's very satisfying to finally get it installed and I think it looks fantastic."

Rob said the trust covered most of the project's costs

which included a \$3000 to \$4000 plinth, a roughly \$1300 resource consent application fee and base preparation costs.

"We've also had people help us out generously with some of the other things that would have cost us money ourselves like engineering works from [Thames engineer] Nelson Val-

iant, who did the calculations," he said.

"Then GDC Consultants Ltd checked them... and we've also had Rod Atkin from Watson Engineering who actually very generously lifted the plinth in for us at his cost, so he's done us a favour there as well."

Rob said the trust had a licence from council to occupy for two years.

"But these works are always owned by the artist, so it's only a gift at the moment on loan."

Jay said he planned to auction off the sculpture within the next 12 months and would donate 30 per cent of the proceeds to Thames Public Art Trust.

Rob said an official opening of the new sculpture would take place on September 17 at 11am, and is open to the public.

"Jay's going to come down with family, his mentor and friends and the public art trust would do the same with our supporters and people that had chipped in and helped with this, so it should be a good little opening."

Rob said he was also arranging an official reopening of the Colour Harmonics sculpture at Moanataiari to take place on the same day. The sculpture was reinstalled by the trust in December last year after high winds toppled it three months earlier.

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# Rural Life

## Rearing to go with donated lambs

By GORDON PREECE

Hikutaia School students are currently preparing donated lambs for their local agricultural days in October.

Rose Walmsley, who owns a drystock farm on Old Maratoto Rd in Hikutaia, told *The Profile* she collected the woolly creatures from a Spring Sheep Milk Company farm near Te Awamutu in August.

“Spring Sheep this year have been offering free lambs for rearing and for agricultural day or personal use so we rang them up and placed an order,” she said.

“The 30 lambs that I picked up were weathered and they can’t be bred, so we’re almost helping the sheep farm out by taking these lambs because they’re almost a by-product of the industry.”

Rose, whose four daughters are also taking part in the

agricultural days at Hikutaia School, said the students met her at her property on August 22 to choose their lamb.

“It was quite cute actually, they were so happy, they all had a turn to look at the lambs and pick which one they wanted and they were so excited all cuddling their lambs,” she said.

“The kids took them home and they’ll be feeding them before and after school and some of them are still giving the lambs a bottle at night.

“We only had two entrants last year [for lambs] so if we can get most of the kids to bring those animals, we will have a big leap in lamb numbers.

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Bailey Te Whero, left, enjoys a cuddle with his lamb Snowy, and Gabrielle Te Whero with his lamb Spike.

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The donated lambs are collected from a sheep milking farm near Te Awamutu.

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Rose said the secret to having a winning lamb was for it to be in good condition.

“They’ve got to have bright eyes, be happy and healthy, and if the kids spent a lot of time with the animal, you’ll see that the animal will follow them around,” she said.

“It’s quite a big commitment to stick to rearing an animal for kids, but you’ll see on ag day if you put in the effort, the animals will go well.”

The agricultural day for Hikutaia School is scheduled to be held on October 19 with the group agricultural day for Ohinemuri schools scheduled to take place at Nethererton School on October 27.



Students feed their lambs.

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# Prostate info an 'issue'

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"The foundation has plans to distribute the education materials it produces on prostate cancer more proactively to relevant health clinics in the future. This is an expensive exercise and is one of the reasons why we run fundraising campaigns like Blue September to raise the funds that enable us to do this."

Paul said even though prostate cancer was the most diagnosed cancer in New Zealand, little or no information about it was produced by Te Whatu Ora Health NZ or Te Aho O Te Kahu Cancer Control Agency.

The foundation "would really like" its educational brochures to be available in all relevant hospital clinics and in GP surgeries, but as a charity, it had not been in a position to send them out to clinics in an unsolicited manner.

Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki told *The Profile* its brochure stands in its Whānau Health Centres were supplied by MediBoard, who also managed all of the content included on them.

A staff member checked the resources and confirmed there were none relating to prostate cancer; however, Te Korowai said its Whānau Health Centres would be "very happy" to make some prostate cancer informational resources available going forward.

Thames Medical Centre's stands were also managed by MediBoard, and practise manager Carolyn Sara said various foundations often sent informaton and brochures, which the GP displays where suitable. A check of MediBoard's downloadable brochures online did not show any prostate cancer options.

"You ask why this is not out and around, and I don't know," Barry says. "Women have done what they do for women's health - breast cancer, cervical cancer - brilliantly, but prostate can-



Blue September raises funds and awareness for prostate cancer. File Photo: SUPPLIED

cer... I think it's largely because it's to do with men's sexuality. We're bullet proof until it's proved otherwise," he says.

Barry encourages men to get check-ups from the age of 40. He also encourages them to ask for PSA tests.

"This, to me, is the most insidious fact that everyone needs to know: in its early stages, prostate cancer does not usually exhibit symptoms. So, men have it, and they don't know they've got it.

"When symptoms do begin to occur, it is then usually too late for effective curative treatment. That's the horror of this bloody thing."

**DETAILS: For more information on prostate cancer and Blue September, visit: prostate.org.nz**



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# Explosion claims man's life



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



A car completely destroyed after a benzene explosion.

In February 1916 John Peters, the Kaiaua postmaster, returning from Pokeno, alighted from the train at Mercer expecting to have a horse waiting for him.

Finding it was not there, he began walking along the road in the direction of Kaiaua. He came across one of George Stubbs' wagons and got a lift as far as Stubbs' farm at Mangatangi. On arrival at the farm, George offered John the loan of a horse, but discovered all his horses turned out for the night. It was now nearly 9pm and John had about seven miles to go. George offered to drive John home in his car and directed one of his employees, Rangi, to fill the tank. In the corrugated iron barn where the car was housed, John took a seat in the front of the car and Rangi the back. George tried starting the engine with a crank but it failed to catch. George then discovered that Rangi had emptied kerosene into the tank instead of benzene. He began pumping the liquid out by the light of a candle placed on

a ledge at the back of the car. Suddenly a blue flame shot up, there was a violent explosion and the whole building was enveloped in flames. George was blown through the doorway of the shed and lay stunned on the ground for a minute or two. Rangi dived through the window at the other end of the building, but the sash of the window fell and pinned his foot. He hung face downwards on the outside wall until he was able to wiggle himself free and then fell to the ground.

By the time George and Rangi regained their wits a fierce fire was racing from one end of the barn to the other, the flames being fed by tins of benzene and kerosene. There was no way to fight the fire and no way to rescue John. Rangi was badly cut and George severely shaken but he rode a horse fifteen miles to Mercer and informed Constable Horan what had happened. John's wife and children were staying in Auckland but on learning the dreadful news, they returned to Kaiaua. At the inquest it was established that the vapour

of the benzene that was being pumped out of the car spread to the candle causing the explosion. The jury found that John Peters was accidentally killed, no blame being attachable to anyone. They added a rider that attention should be called to the danger of using benzene in proximity to lights or fire, owing to its highly volatile nature.

John, 53, was a married man with three children. He farmed an extensive tract of country at Kaiaua. He had been postmaster and mail carrier there for seven or eight years and was much respected in the district. The Peters family, originally from Scotland, had been connected with Kaiaua since its early days.

As well as running the post office and store, they donated land for the site of the first Kaiaua School. Their property was the original site of Kaiaua township. Although the funeral was reported to have taken place in Kaiaua, cemetery records show that John was interred at Hillsborough cemetery, Auckland.

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# SPORTS

## Tough start for Valley

### HEARTLAND RUGBY

After the worst possible start, Thames Valley rallied to defeat Wairarapa Bush 37-19 in their Bunnings Heartland Championship match played at Te Aroha last Saturday.

The Swamp Foxes are now third equal with Buller on the points table. Both teams have 15 points – one behind Whanganui in second place, and four back from the top team, South Canterbury.

On Saturday, Wairarapa Bush scored a converted try following an intercept in the first minute of play and led 12-0 at the ten-minute mark after adding a further try.

From then on the Swamp Foxes gained more control and Ben Stephens, Zach Clarke and Zane Heath all crossed the line for tries. None were converted but Thames Valley were in the ascendancy and led 15-12 at half time.

The second half began in a similar fashion to the first half.

Thames Valley lost possession in the opening phase and Wairarapa Bush swooped in on a dropped pass to give Tafa Tafa a clear run to score another try - which was converted. The visitors were now back in front at 19-15.

At this stage, the Swamp Foxes lifted their game and became the dominant team with some excellent attacking moves backed up by a solid defence.



Zach Clarke, left, and Sam McCahon.



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Todd Doolan kicked a penalty goal and then the Valley went on to be rewarded with tries to Will Newbold, Connor McVerry and Leroy Neels, and Doolan added two conversions to make the final score 37-19.

This was a much improved wet weather performance by Thames Valley after a somewhat lethargic display against King Country the week before.

Zach Clarke, as one of the new players this year, got some valuable game time when he came on as a replacement to play three quarters of the match.

He was able to display his ability in the lineup, never stopped toiling in general play and scored a well deserved try.

In the backs Sam McCahon

performed really well at centre, in the first half, and then with an injury to Dwayne Sweeney, he moved into the second five eighth position where he proved he is equally adept closer to the scrum. There will be a great North-South match up on Saturday as the Swamp Foxes travel to Westport to play their fellow third placed team, Buller. With the prospect of making the final top four in the play offs, this a very important match for both teams.

Meanwhile, the Thames Valley Vixens continued on their winning way by defeating Wairarapa Bush 36-5 and the Under 18 Boys had a meritorious win 28-26 over Taranaki Under 18 on Saturday.



Runners depart from Grahamstown Station for Waihi. Photo: GORDON PREECE

## Trilogy back up and running

By GORDON PREECE

More than 650 runners took to the Hauraki Rail Trail on September 11 for the 2022 OceanaGold Trail Trilogy.

Event director Mark Sanson told *The Profile* he was "pretty thrilled" about the event's return after two years of Covid-19 hurdles. "It's quite exciting and we've had pretty good feedback from the entrants and we've got a bunch of new entrants," he said.

"We had to cancel the 2020 and 2021 events but we've rolled all the entries over and I feel like we had record entries in every race this year which is very encouraging."

Mark said the event, which first ran in 2017, was split into five separate races on different sections of the trail. These included the 55km

Thames to Waihi route, the 42.2km Te Aroha to Waihi route, the 21.2km Paeroa to Waihi route and the 9km Waikino to Waihi route.

"Our most challenging event was the 100km we call the Hauraki Hundee where the runners started at 1am on Sunday morning and finished somewhere between 8am and 4pm," he said.

"This year the race started at the Waihi Train Station and went through to Kōpū and they ran back again."

"One of the highlights around the 100km was we had a record ten teams do it [this year]."

In previous years the Hauraki Hundee route was from Kaiaua to Waihi. Mark said around 50 volunteers organised the event which included Waihi LandSAR, Thames LandSAR, and Paeroa, Waihi and Te Aroha Lions Clubs.

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Around 350 primary school students aged eight to 13 years scaled the South Farms terrain in Mangatarata on September 6 for the Thames Valley Cross Country competition. Students were selected for the event if they placed in the top six of their local cluster cross country events which took place in previous weeks. Reporter **GORDON PREECE** ran through the fields to capture the action.



Ohinemuri boys Jacob Hargreaves, left, Oscar Gumbley, Boyd Ingle, Lane Crawford and Tom Johnson.



Waitakaruru School 8-year-old Ethan Vaneyk, left, jogs hard to keep ahead of the pack.



Parawai's Alessandro Yamamoto finishes first in a muddy run.



Matthew Sheehan, left, and Ashton Ross.



Ngatea's Hayley Webster sprints to the finish line.



Ngatea Primary School 8-year-old Ella Duggan won first place.



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# Schools win gold at tournament

By GORDON PREECE

Close to 40 students from Hikutaia and Miller Avenue schools were “very chuffed” after becoming hockey, tennis and draughts champions at this year’s Totara Springs Sports Camp near Mata-mata.

The annual event, which took place between August 29 and September 2, attracted ten teams from rural schools in the upper North Island.

Hikutaia School teacher Olivia Robinson, who attended the camp, told *The Profile* the students, who were in years seven to eight, were “very chuffed” with their winning results.

“You can go to camps thinking you’re dominating a sport and usually you come away with trophies you kind of unex-pected,” she said.

“They were very chuffed and for some of the year sevens who were involved in the camp it’s about seeing what it’s all about and giving them the opportunity next year to step up and take on some of the leadership roles within the team.

“We also know that it enriches the students’ relationships between Miller Avenue and Hikutaia as they move closer to college.”

Olivia said the students also took part in chant and cheer routines which en-couraged team spirit and sportsmanship.

“There’s awards they give out for sportsmanship and every sport that’s competed in is a team effort and even when you do things like athletics they accumulate points over the whole team,” she said.

Olivia said the event was also “very full on” with some sports still taking place

at 9pm. “They come away very tired and exhausted from pushing their bodies each day, but at the end they come away with some very cool memories.”



The winning hockey team. TOP: Students from Miller Ave and Hikutaia schools competed at Totara Springs. Photo: SUPPLIED



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## JUMBO CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

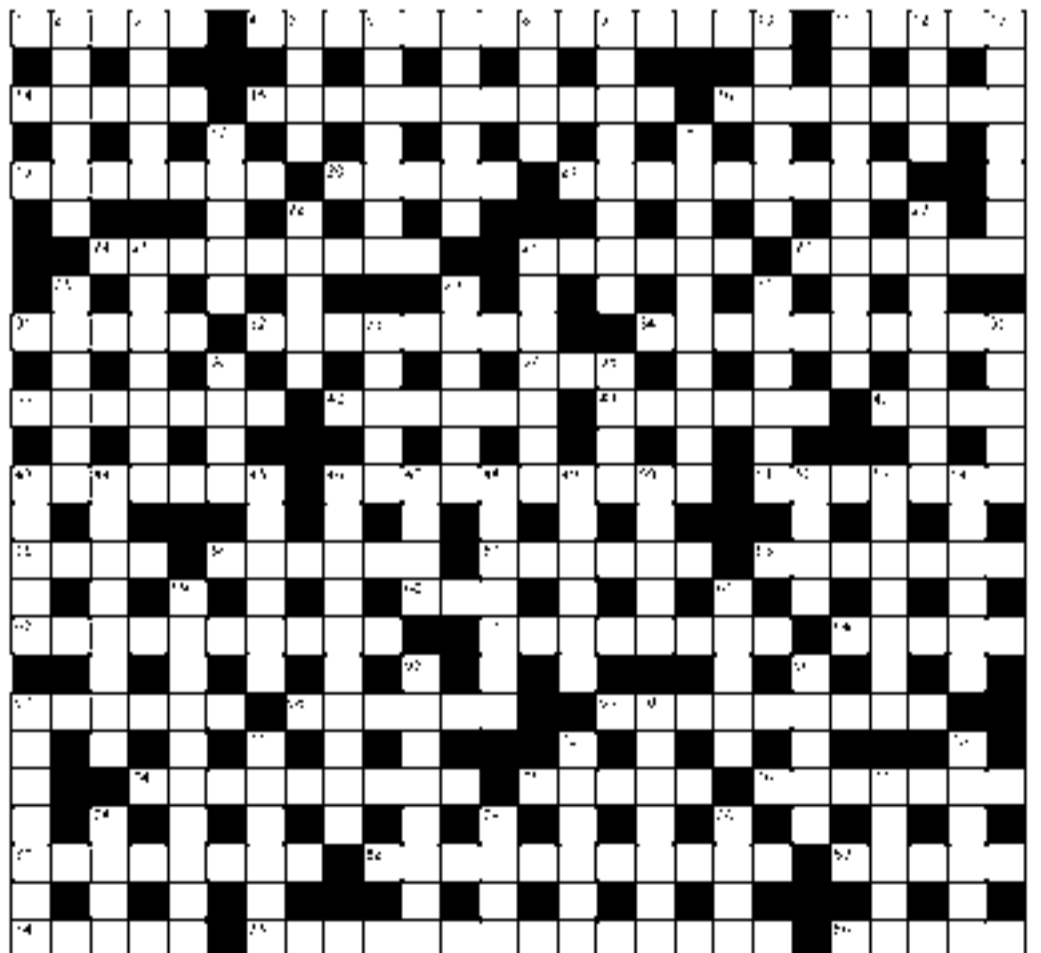
- 1 Small rodent (5)
- 4 About to incur a severe reprimand (3,3,4,4)
- 11 Icy rain (5)
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- 16 Altered (8)
- 19 Fitness runners (7)
- 20 Bend over (5)
- 21 Study of lines of descent (9)
- 24 Blown musical instrument (9)
- 26 Self-effacing (6)
- 27 Cope (6)
- 31 Bow-legged (5)
- 32 Large boiling pot (8)
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- 42 Heap (4)
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- 46 Gullet (10)
- 51 Kitchen appliance (7)
- 55 Diversify (4)
- 56 Illicit relationship (6)
- 57 Irritable (6)
- 58 Official punishment (7)
- 60 Beverage (3)
- 62 Over and over (10)
- 63 Discouraged (8)
- 64 With no money at all (5)

### DOWN

- 2 Alternative (6)
- 3 Oscillate (5)
- 5 Leave out (4)
- 6 Increase tension (7)
- 7 Newspaper boss (6)
- 8 To the interior (4)
- 9 Big house on Spanish ranch (8)
- 10 Pool of rainwater (6)
- 11 Resentful disparagement of something unattainable (4,6)
- 12 Dines (4)
- 13 Undeveloped frog (7)
- 17 Evidence (5)
- 18 Senior citizens (10)
- 22 Inexpensive (5)
- 23 Cosmetic surgery (8)
- 25 Habitual users (7)

### ACROSS

- 26 Sovereign (7)
- 28 Gambling house (6)
- 29 Painting in wet plaster (6)
- 30 Musical composition (6)
- 33 Unrestrained (5)
- 35 Lance (5)
- 36 Gratis (4)
- 38 Ladder step (4)
- 43 English port (5)
- 44 Bomb fragments (8)
- 45 Roof beam (6)
- 46 Hands and knees position (2,3,5)
- 47 Arrange by type (4)
- 48 Mounted goader in bullfighting (7)
- 49 Modifies for use (6)
- 50 Brown pigment (5)
- 52 Cricket spell (4)
- 53 Become looser (7)
- 54 Draw out (6)
- 59 Become late with work (4,6)
- 61 Retains (5)
- 65 Caviar fish (8)
- 66 Single (5)
- 67 Abbreviate (7)
- 70 Silhouette (7)
- 71 Oration (6)
- 72 Formal headwear (3,3)
- 73 Reason for action (6)
- 77 Trunk (5)
- 78 Security device (4)
- 79 Sea creature (4)
- 80 Indian clarified butter (4)



### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 1 Den of iniquity, 8 Mortar, 14 Polka, 15 Obedient, 16 Bullets, 17 Sauna, 18 Nab, 19 Brer Fox, 21 Close call, 22 Debate, 25 Compensate, 27 Peaceful, 28 Zephyr, 31 Reflex, 33 Diamond, 34 Bottom, 35 Harp, 37 Ill, 39 Song, 40 Overlap, 41 Cockatiel, 42 Treacle, 43 Hypnosis, 48 Toboggan, 52 Anarchy, 56 Deposited, 57 Academy, 58 Main, 59 Own, 60 Soil, 61 Action, 62 Scholar, 63 Origin, 65 Crater, 66 Bakeries, 68 Overtaking, 71 Spiral, 72 Beguiling, 74 Advance, 76 Cut, 79 Unite, 80 Roundup, 81 Pushover, 83 Earns, 84 Shadow, 85 Keen as mustard.

**DOWN:** 2 Embargo, 3 Order, 4 Ice, 5 Iota, 6 Unbelievable, 7 Talks, 8 Moselle, 9 Rash, 10 Amulet, 11 Plane, 12 Harbour, 13 Merchandise, 14 Panacea, 20 Obnoxious, 23 Baldness, 24 Justice, 26 Polygon, 27 Prompt, 29 Heading, 30 Poncho, 32 Ebony, 34 Block, 36 Pylon, 38 Taco, 43 Hades, 44 Paprika, 45 Oust, 46 Intact, 47 Bacon, 48 Theories, 49 Boycotted, 50 Gimmick, 51 Alibi, 52 Admiral, 53 Conspicuous, 54 Yachts, 55 Ballpoint pen, 64 Tedious, 65 Cracker, 67 Eyebrow, 69 Nuclear, 70 Parish, 71 Stork, 73 Ledge, 75 About, 77 Mead, 78 Opus, 82 Sou.

# Car restoration a passion project

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

The “dream” for Wayne Bennett looks something like this: driving his restored 1955 Chevrolet 210 along the state highway; his family spread along the backseat; a fish and chip stop at Mount Maunganui; a weekend spent on the road.

This is the dream that has underpinned two years and countless hours of car restoration, a feat that is finally nearing completion for the Paeroa man.

It’s his first attempt at restoring a vintage vehicle - he says it’s his last - and it all began with a motor.

When Wayne was a teenager, he and his brother and mates used to cruise around in a Vauxhall Victor that had a 327 Chevy motor inside it.

He sold the car when he was 19, but 25 years later, he bought the Chevy motor back from the same guy he sold it to.

This was the catalyst for the restoration that would span the next two years.

At the end of 2020, Wayne purchased a chassis and shell of a 1955 Chev from his uncle, John Burndred.

He then bought a 4-speed manual for the gearbox, inserted a new ignition, attached a



Wayne Bennett stands by his restored 1955 Chevrolet 210.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

grill and bumper and dash, and chose an earth-green paint colour for the body.

“It’s easy to bolt things together, it’s like a jigsaw puzzle,” he said, “but when it comes to

things like the electrical work, I’ve paid people to help me with that.”

Wayne has had to sell things he didn’t necessarily want to sell in order to fund the project,

like a Massey Ferguson tractor he bought off his dad and refurbished around a decade ago.

But though it’s been a long-haul, Wayne said he was proud of himself and the helpful locals

for seeing the project through to its end.

Rick Purcell, Steve Richards, Ajay’s Ford V8 Parts, John Smith, Advanced Auto Refinishers, Wayne’s panel beater Alex, and his uncle, John Burndred, had been instrumental in the 55 Chev’s outcome, he said.

Wayne was now looking forward to debuting the car at Rotary Paeroa’s Vintage and Classic Car Swap Meet this weekend, and also had plans to attend the Whangamata Beach Hop in November.

“He did say it was a 10-year project, but once he got into it, I guess there was that thrill of getting each phase done,” his wife Amanda said.

“It’s been his dream, and it’s nice to see it come to reality.”

The Vintage and Classic Car Swap Meet will this year be held at the grounds at the end of Railway St instead of at the traditional location on Wharf St.

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

**DETAILS: Vintage and Classic Car Swap Meet, Railway St, Paeroa, September 17. All cars parked by 10am.**



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