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New TCDC Mayor: Len Salt

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

Before he got the phone call to say he had become the new Mayor of Thames-Coromandel, Len Salt was setting up a sound system for an event in Whitianga's town hall.

But after the news broke around 3pm on Saturday, Len admitted it was hard to focus on anything else.

"It takes a little while to really get your head around it," he said, "and it's quite a transition because up until that point, you're focused on the election and there's two ways it can go: you either succeed and go forward down that path, or you don't succeed and your life takes a different turn."

"So, a big part of Saturday was just knowing with some certainty what was happening next."

The preliminary results for the local body elections show Len as the clear front-runner out of the seven mayoral candidates for Thames-Coromandel District Council.

As of Monday he had secured 5195 votes, ahead of runner-up John Freer who obtained 2489 votes.

Cherie Staples had received 1839 votes; Steve Hart, 1080; Ron Julian, 983; Eric Carter, 720; and Peter Pinkham, 560.

Len stood for mayor in 2019 and received 4301 votes, losing out to incumbent Sandra Goudie.

He said while he did not expect to win in 2019, he decided at that point to talk to people



Whitianga's Len Salt was elected Thames-Coromandel Mayor on Saturday.

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across the district to find out "what the issues were and what projects and problems needed to be solved".

He was "thrilled" to have the public's confidence this year.

Len was the only candidate vying for the mayoralty who did not live on the western side of the peninsula, and when he spoke to *The Profile* less than 48 hours after clinching the

top job, he was already at the council's main office in Thames learning the ropes.

He said while the election campaign was challenging, he enjoyed the process.

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- Len Salt

"There are lots of differences between the dynamic in Mercury Bay, for example, compared to Coromandel Town and in Thames, and understanding those dynamics was a really important part of it," he said.

"So, I really enjoyed the process... but one of the biggest challenges during the Meet the Candidates [events] was you had a very, very short time - about three minutes - to talk about all the work you've been doing for the past three years, and that's tough."

The Profile made it even tougher, and asked Len what people could expect from his mayoralty using just three words.

"A new beginning," he replied.

DETAILS: TCDC's new mayor, councillors and community board members will be officially sworn in at an inaugural meeting in November, the date is yet to be set.

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Fresh blood on all Valley councils

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

A mix of familiar faces and first-timers will be sitting around Thames Valley's two district councils for the next three years, following Saturday's local body elections.

Preliminary results for the local elections for both Hauraki District Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council have been released, and as of Monday morning, it looks to be business as usual for some, and a new career path for others.

In Hauraki's Waihi Ward, only Anne Marie Spicer is making a return to her seat as a councillor for another triennium, with three newcomers - Sarah Holmes, Bhavesh Ranchhod, and Josh Martyn - being elected by voters to sit alongside her.

The fifth representative for Waihi will be Austin Rattray, who was a councillor for the ward back in 2016-2019.

Across in Paeroa, all four current councillors - Paul Milner, Carole Anne Daley, Rino Wilkinson, and Jo Tilsley - will sit on council for the next three years, with newcomers Mike Bennett and Melba Pakinga missing out this term.

In the Plains, there will be two new and two returning representatives.

Current councillors Ray Broad and Phillip Buckthought have been re-elected, alongside highest-polling ward candidate Neil Gray, and Stephen Crooymans.

Over in Thames-Coromandel, councillors for the Thames ward,



Clockwise from left: Anne Marie Spicer, Peter Revell, Warren Maher, and Neil Gray have all been successful in their local body election bids.



as at Monday, will be Robyn Sinclair and Martin Rodley, both returning for a second term, as well as Peter Revell, who was on the Thames Community Board for 2019-2022.

The four members selected for the Thames Community Board are: Adrian Catran, Holly MacKenzie, Rob Johnston, and Kishan Raikwar - who is sitting at 1750 votes.

Close behind but currently out

of contention is Fiona Cameron, with 1717 votes.

According to Thames-Coromandel District Council, the Declaration of Official Results will be announced in a public notice by its electoral officer on Friday, October 14, subject to recounts.

Meanwhile, Waikato Regional Council's Thames-Coromandel constituency will be represented by Warren Maher, who has nar-

rowly supplanted incumbent Denis Tegg by 335 votes. The Waihou constituency will be represented by two candidates: Ben Dunbar-Smith, and Robert Cookson.

Hauraki's Mayor Toby Adams had already been re-elected unopposed, and Len Salt was voted Thames-Coromandel Mayor, see story P1 for details.



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Goudie chairs last meeting as Mayor

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

Sandra Goudie's final full Council meeting as Thames-Coromandel Mayor was a big one.

Not only did she and other elected members vote to press ahead with the Thames and Surrounds Spatial plan and Pollen St Infrastructure Upgrade, she also presented more than a dozen people with community services awards, and thanked retiring councillors Sally Christie, Murray McLean, and Tony Fox for their work this past term. For the next three years, Thames-Coromandel District Council will be headed by new Mayor Len Salt. Fresh blood around the table is also guaranteed.

Sandra, who copped nationwide criticism in 2021 for her refusal to get the Covid-19 vaccine, told the public in her closing speech to "never be afraid to express a difference of opinion".

"Honour our forebears by fighting for our rights and freedoms, so vote, cherish your vote, cherish our democracy, uphold free speech, the right to justice, the right to be treated equally," she said.

"I have totally loved my time in local government, working in the real world where common sense can still prevail. Thank you to all for giving me the chance to serve you."

Prior to the presentations - in which former Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki mayors



Sandra Goudie will hang up her mayoral chains after chairing her final meeting as Mayor on October 4.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Glenn Leach, Chris Lux, Basil Morrison, and John Tregidga were also acknowledged - John Morrissey, the only councillor re-elected unopposed for the Coromandel-Colville ward, said he and Sandra "clashed" when he returned to council in 2019.

"I know she thought I was going to be her councillor from

hell, but in actual fact, Sandra, I've really grown to admire your style, your chairmanship, and you, personally."

New chief executive Aileen Lawrie said she looked forward to incoming letters from "ratepayer Sandra".

The October 4 council meeting was also the final one for Mercury Bay ward councillors

Tony Fox and Murray McLean, and Thames ward councillor Sally Christie, who decided not to stand for re-election.

Each of them thanked their colleagues, staff, and the public for their support throughout their political tenure.



Residents receive community awards

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

Residents from around the Thames-Coromandel district were acknowledged with Community Service Awards at a council meeting last week.

Sandra Goudie, in one her final jobs as Mayor, presented the awards and said they recognised people within the community who had done many selfless good deeds without any expectations.

"We're very grateful to have worked with you and to have done whatever we could to make this an even better place to be," she said.

The recipients of the Community Service Awards included: Kylie Gunn, Alan Young, Wendy Pond, Reihana Robinson, Vaughan Austen, Warren Male, Alastair Brickell, Stephan Bosman, Marcus Ward, Gilbert James, Lindsay Garmson, Elizabeth Cameron, Diane Connors, Nolan Goudie, and Chris and Jackie Reeve.

Former Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki Mayors Glenn Leach, Chris Lux, Basil Morrison, and John Tregidga, were also acknowledged with awards.





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Man pleads not guilty to 8 charges

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

The same man who appeared in court after allegedly ram-raiding two Thames businesses has entered not guilty pleas to a raft of charges against him.

Appearing in Thames District Court on October 3, the man - who is facing eight charges including theft, driving while disqualified, and burglary - pleaded not guilty to all and was remanded on bail until his next appearance in late November.

Earlier, court documents stated that on August 10, the man entered Thames Jewellers and Sunburst Cafe in Pollen St, Thames, without authority and with intent to commit an imprisonable offence, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. It was reported that the man was caught red-handed by patrolling police officers from Paeroa around 2.20am on August 10, after crashing into one shop, reversing, and driving into another.

Also in Thames District Court that day, one man was charged for possession of cannabis, while another was fined \$400 for failing to stop for police.

The court heard that just after midnight on April 30, Blaire Coll was caught driving "much faster" than the 50kmh sign-posted speed down a road in

Whitianga.

He did not stop for police when they activated their lights and siren.

Mr Coll refused officers' request to give blood after a breath test result proved inconclusive, saying: "I've been caught a lot of times, I know how to get out of this".

Mr Coll was fined \$400 for failing to stop for police, sentenced to 140 hours community work, and disqualified from driving for six months.

Judge KBF Saunders told the defendant that irrespective of how cocky he is, he will not get away with any further offending.

In another incident, police attended Luke Hodge's address on January 2, 2022, and found 35 cannabis plants, four of which were mature.

The court heard that Mr Hodge smoked cannabis "on a daily basis" and had since been suspended by his employer for failing a drug test.

Judge Saunders told the defendant that "reality had set in".

Mr Hodge was sentenced to 100 hours of community work, nine months supervision, and the cannabis plants were ordered to be destroyed.



Goldfields School students were "chuffed" with their artworks.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

Students motivated by art

By GORDON PREECE

Goldfields School held its inaugural public art exhibition on September 20 with many colourful and unique artworks on display.

Teacher Anna Walters said the exhibition, held at Paeroa War Memorial Hall, was part of the school's tradition to hold an event to showcase the students' work to their whanau and the community. "In previous years we've had wearable arts, we've had shows, and we decided the art exhibition was a good one since we haven't worked on it yet," she said.

"Each class has produced their own unique piece of artwork and brought it to this wonderful war memorial hall for us to showcase.

"We've got Goldfields School, and our satellite classes at Miller Avenue School, Thames South School, Paeroa College and Te Aroha Primary School, so you're probably looking at 84 student works in total."

Anna said many of the artworks were drawn from the students' personal motivations.

"You'll go round and see that they're quite individualised, some students have got a Lego theme, some students might

have a pop theme drawn from a particular artist that they listen to," she said.

"We like to say at Goldfields we do a little often, so most of these students have been working for three to four weeks on each of their artworks... in 15 minute slots."

Anna said students were "surprised" and "chuffed" when they saw their artworks on display for the first time.

"It's really nice to see them go around and guess whose work is what and find their friends' work. Our students really love to share in each other's successes," she said.

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Creative Fibre members Trisha Lee, left, Gail Grieve, Kath Mason and Lyn Barbour.

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In Brief

ART EXHIBITION
Jan Clark will have her artworks displayed at the Paeroa Society of Arts for the month of October. The exhibition will feature dawn light, dragon and bird paintings, coloured pencil artworks with an under the sea theme and a Christmas section. The Normanby Rd gallery will be open for the exhibition when the flags are out.

CHINWAG CAFE OPENING
Age Concern are inviting the public to the launch of the Paeroa Chinwag Cafe on October 26. Chinwag Café is a weekly gathering for older adults who are feeling alone, lonely or isolated. The launch will take place at the Paeroa Co-operating Parish on Mackay St from 10:30am.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Ngatea children are being encouraged to dress up for a halloween party at Ngatea Hotel on October 29 between 12pm and 2pm. The event will include music, games and spooky treats.

NOVEL PRESENTATION
Award-winning author and magician Gareth Ward will present his new novel, *Tarquin the Honest, The Hand of Glodd* at Carson's Bookshop on November 4 at 2pm. The event is expected to be an interactive Steampunk mystery.

Creative Fibre event set to return

By GORDON PREECE

An open day to promote Creative Fibre Thames is set to return after Covid-19 unravelled the event in the past two years. Secretary Lyn Barbour said the event, to be held at Thames Elim Church on October 17, was the annual fundraiser for the group and a way to boost membership. "A lot of our membership is quite elderly and the young ones are starting to become interested but they have to work so we're just trying to attract some new members," she said.

"Creative Fibre involves knitters, crocheters, spinners, felters, and weavers and if anybody's interested in learning these skills, there are ladies available who can help them get started. "All money raised [at the event] goes towards club funds so we could provide demonstrations and workshops throughout the year." Lyn said the event would feature morning tea, an exhibition of fabrics made by the club's 32 members, 13 traders and a people's choice vote to determine the best item in the club chal-

lenge category. "With the exhibition this year, because we haven't had an open day for two years, it covers anything members have created in the past two years," she said. "Traders come in with products to sell such as wool, fleeces, yarn or dyes and the traders like coming to Thames because it's always a profitable outing. "Our theme for the club challenge is the 1950s because we had our 50th birthday earlier in the year, so we're looking for accessories of the 50s including gloves, scarves, hats and bags." Lyn said the event, held from

9:30am to 2pm, also attracted Creative Fibre members from Tauranga, Waiuku, Cambridge, Hamilton and Whangamata. "You meet all the other people you know from different clubs so that's a nice thing and we've got some new ones who haven't been to our open day before," she said. "The ladies are always excited with all the different traders because they don't see [the traders items] in a normal shop." Lyn said the door charge for the event was \$3 and raffles were \$2 for a single ticket and \$5 for three tickets.

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Kate McGee and her son Oscar in his pink wig.

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Mallory Hodgson, rear, and Lakey Bithell get into the swing of the fundraiser.



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A once 'dapper presence' in Paeroa



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

The highly cultured, handsome Charles Colclough cut quite a figure around Paeroa.

The 75-year-old had several years earlier come from Otago, where he would sit at the only piano on the goldfields and play classical music with a master's hand.

But it was a noble deed of valour, performed in the Cromwell district in 1868, that distinguished Charles. A man of unsound mind, armed with a hatchet, rushed into a tent, and while other onlookers were paralysed with fright, Charles dashed in to find him straddling a man, about to strike.

The backward throw of the axe gave Charles a nasty gash as he restrained him just in time to save a life.

This brave and daring deed resulted in the public presentation of a handsome gold medal and a heavy purse of sovereigns.

At the age of 13, Charles had been sent out to Australia from Dublin, Ireland, to learn farming, and later worked in one of the government



The town of Paeroa as it was in 1909.

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departments. Gold fever, however, led him to give up his government work and follow nearly all the gold rushes in various parts of Australia.

Around 1861, he and his wife Mary came to New Zealand, for many years living in Dunedin and gold mining centres in the South Island, where Charles worked as a mining agent. The descendant of an aristocratic family, Charles later came into an inheritance and moved to the more genial climate of the Thames Valley. He arrived during the boom time, and was greatly enthusiastic about gold mining matters, being interested in several mining companies in Ohinemuri and Thames. In 1901, when Charles was 66, he became the local face of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills featuring in advertisements endorsing the product, his standing as a Justice of the Peace evidently giving more weight to the recommendation.

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Charles Colclough, JP of Hill St, Paeroa, described his symptoms, concluding with: "I am glad to say, however, that the pills cured me".

But they may not have, as by September 1909, his fellow citizens, friends and neighbours were advised that, regretfully, Charles was seriously ill. His wife had died the year before and since then he had not been in the best of health.

For some weeks, Charles was confined to his bed receiving every possible care and attention but it was to no avail, and the once dapper presence that had so enlivened Paeroa passed away quietly.

Charles and Mary, who had no children, are buried at Pukerimu cemetery, Paeroa.



Trevor Birchall stands outside Hauraki RSA.

Photo: TERESA RAMSEY

Hauraki RSA open day

By GORDON PREECE

Hauraki RSA is set to host a meet and greet at its Ngātea hall on October 14 in order to provide returned service personnel with information about their entitlements.

Secretary Di Elliott-Birchall told *The Profile* the idea for the event came from reading news within the RSA sector, as well as from one of its members who asked about RSA support services.

"Some of the [returned service personnel] might not be aware of what services are available to them, which might be having a housekeeper come in if they're in their own homes and no longer able to clean the windows or bathrooms," she said.

"There's also home help outside, like if they're no longer able to do their lawns. There's also medical and financial things available."

The event will include information about how the RSA recognised the rigours of domestic and overseas service, and how

it advocated on veterans' behalf for government recognition, assistance and redress.

Di said the event, led by RSA Waikato District support advisor Allan Plaisted, was also about catering for all abilities through face to face communication.

"For some of our mature veterans, it may be a matter of technology that scares them away from [seeking assistance] because a lot of things are done online," she said. "In a way [the event] is taking that scare factor out of it. They can come along, sit and listen, and not have to worry about technology. Someone's going to be there with a pen and paper and it's really just touching base."

DETAILS: Hauraki RSA Meet and Greet, 14 Pipiroa Rd Ngātea, October 14, from 3:30pm. Bar opens at 4:30pm, light meals available from 5:30pm. Non-RSA members can attend the event, contact Trevor Birchall: 021 701 466 for transport. To find out more visit: www.rsa.org.nz/support or phone Di Elliott-Birchall: 021 672 112.

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10 years in business for Pamper Me

On Pauline De Thierry's first day running Pamper Me MediSpa, she had three clients and made \$80.

Ten years later, the business on Pollen St, Thames, has grown to amass 8500 clients, four staff, and numerous accolades.

It's an "organic" growth that is in part thanks to the people continuing to walk through the doors.

"It used to be a very traditional beauty clinic with traditional services, but I saw a need in our community for our clients to get results," Pauline told *The Profile*.

"That's when I started expanding into more advanced therapies and paramedical skincare, so, it's been our clients who have inspired us to introduce new treatments."

Pauline specialises in advanced skin therapies and cosmetic tattooing, and took over the ownership of Pamper Me in September, 2012.

This month, the team will celebrate their milestone 10 years with a black, white, and gold-themed birthday party.

It'll be a reflection of the highs and lows over the past decade in the "always-advancing" beauty industry.

"The first several years of my involvement in the industry, it was very stagnant," Pauline said.

"We were quite behind in New Zealand for some time, but New Zealand is definitely catching up on the advanced therapies available, and not only that, the post graduate education."

Pauline said highlights throughout the years included being recognised with a number of awards, including therapist of the year and runner up for salon design of the year, as well as local Retail and Peoples Choice business awards. However, there had also been some challenges.

In 2018, the back half of the building sustained significant flood damage after heavy rains and strong winds caused havoc across Thames-Coromandel.

They then discovered there was asbestos in the rear building that had to be removed.

Pauline retained her four staff and for about 10 weeks, they only operated out of the front shop and one treatment room.

However, Pauline said "it was the best thing that had ever happened".

"Having the flood gave us the chance to take a breath and refresh the back salon, I love adding my own touch and upcycling.

"We're not perfect, our skin is never perfect, beauty is never perfect, it's perfectly imperfect, and I grew up with my mum, Jessie, who would bring antiques back to life, so I think I got my creative flair from her and brought that vibe into the clinic."

At its birthday celebrations, Pamper Me MediSpa will be launching a new treatment called 'fusion', which is a combination of therapies remedying "multiple targets across the canvases", rather than one treatment at a time, this is a combination of advance services at one appoint-



Pamper Me MediSpa owner and beauty therapist Pauline De Thierry in her Thames clinic.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

ment and is result focused. "We really just want to celebrate and thank our clients for supporting us over the last 10 years, it has been an amazing journey."

DETAILS: Clients from throughout Pamper Me's 10 years in operation are invited to join the celebrations with the team on October 21 from 5.30pm at 537 Pollen St. RSVP by October 15 to info@pamper-me.co.nz.

The team have won numerous accolades over the years.

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Rural Life

Entries open for Māori farming award

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

Entries for the Ahuwhenua Trophy, the most prestigious award for excellence in Māori horticulture, are now open.

The Ahuwhenua Trophy is presented annually, and over a three-year cycle covers dairy, sheep and beef, and horticulture, with the inaugural competition for horticulture held in 2020.

The competition objective is to recognise excellence in Māori horticulture and is open to individual Māori running horticul-

tural operations, as well as other entities such as Māori trusts and incorporations.

In 2021, Pouarua Farms, near Ngātea, was a finalist for the Ahuwhenua Trophy in the dairy category.

The farms are jointly owned by Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Paoa, Ngāti Tamaterā, Ngāti Tara Tokanui and Te Patukirikiri, and is the largest single dairy platform in the Hauraki region, in which 4,600 cows are milked across 1,775ha. Pouarua Farms are now fully operated by iwi owners under a limited partnership

arrangement, and in 2021, chief executive Jenna Smith said being named a finalist was an "honour".

Ahuwhenua Trophy management committee chair Nukuhia Hadfield said the past decade had seen more Māori become major investors in the horticulture sector; however, there was still "much more to do".

"I am sure with the positive publicity that the Ahuwhenua Trophy competition generates, this will encourage more Māori to become involved in the sector."

Nukuhia said in all the major horticultural areas around the country, there was clear evidence that Māori were setting up new horticultural businesses, or further developing established ones, and were major contributors to a sector which, in the past year, earned \$6.5 billion for the economy of Aotearoa New Zealand.

"I now urge all those Māori enterprises to take the next step and showcase their operations to Aotearoa by entering this competition. It is a unique opportunity to demonstrate the in-

novation and quality, along with genuine sustainability which sits behind our horticultural businesses," she said.

DETAILS: More information, including the entry form, are on the Ahuwhenua Trophy website: www.ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz. Entries close December 9 and the finalists will be announced in February, 2023. After that, field days will be held in April-May, and the winner will be announced at an awards dinner in Tauranga in June.



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ENTERTAINMENT



Caroline Borole is "beyond excited" to return to New Zealand as Tina Turner. Photo: SUPPLIED

Tina comes to town

The iconic hits of Tina Turner will be front and centre when *Tina Simply the Best* performs in Thames this month.

This will be the stage show's first tour back to New Zealand after their national tour was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

The 2022 tour will visit 18 venues between Kerikeri and Christchurch over the course of just 32 days.

Lead vocalist Caroline Borole – a TV and theatre star in her home country of South Africa, said she was "beyond excited" to be returning to New Zealand.

"We can't wait to bring the Tina vibes back to New Zealand

– there'll be big Tina energy, lots of dancing, and all the big, beautiful, powerful songs that Tina is known for. We are ready and raring to go!"

Borole's powerful, raspy voice and thrilling stage presence are mesmerizing in this high-energy tribute. The full-scale production, produced by the team behind hit show *Queen: It's a Kinda Magic*, will have audiences singing and dancing to all the rock and soul hits that made Tina one of the 20th century's biggest names in music, including *The Best*, *What's Love Got to Do With It*, *River Deep Mountain High*, *Proud Mary*, *Nut-bush City Limits*, *Private Danc-*

er, *We Don't Need Another Hero* and many more.

DETAILS: Tina will be at the Thames Civic Centre on Friday, October 21. Tickets are available now for all performances. Visit facebook.com/tinaturnerstb for info.

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Celtic show en route

Expert celtic multi-instrumentalist Rennie Pearson is taking his solo show of traditional music on the road around Aotearoa.

Proudly bringing the music of Ireland, Scotland, and Maritime Canada into the limelight, Rennie will tour extensively this spring across the North Island, including a stop in Thames.

Rennie has been making a name for himself as a talented musician with years of solid touring and teaching in New Zealand and overseas, both as a solo artist and as a part of numerous celtic acts.

Grounded in the celtic musical traditions, Rennie takes the listener on a journey through history, weaving together tunes and songs and the tales that accompany them to create an intricate and varied show.

His stage presence and storytelling opens the door for audiences to connect with the music of old, reconnecting people with the

tightly bound histories, traditions and ancestry of these nations.

Throughout the show, he treats the audience to a wide array of different instruments including the wooden flute, guitar, Irish tin whistles, bodhran (Irish drum), and fiddle.

Rennie grew up in Wellington with celtic music in his blood. Having heard the traditional music of Ireland and Scotland on his parents' CDs as a baby, he grew up knowing he had to learn to play. He picked up the flute at age eight, learning by ear in Irish sessions under the guidance of Galway born flute player Pat Higgins. In 2020, he released his first album with Oscar West as their kiwi folk duo Polytropos.

His new album *From Across The Seas* is set to be released in early October 2022.

DETAILS: Rennie Pearson in Thames, at The Back Room, October 16, 7:30pm. Info at: www.renniepearsonmusic.com.



Celtic musician Rennie Pearson will stop in Thames. Photo: SUPPLIED

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As the itch-scratch cycle continues, the skin will become inflamed and tender to the touch.



Even dogs experience seasonal allergies. Keep a look out for the symptoms. Photo: SUPPLIED

Pets with allergies also often have problems with their ears – especially dogs. The inner part of the ear canals may be itchy and inflamed as part of a generalised allergic response, or they may become infected.

Signs your pet's ears are giving him or her problems include scratching at the ears, head shaking, and hair loss around the ears. If infection is present, there will often be a smell and a discharge from the ears.

The paws can also show signs of skin allergy resulting in itchiness, excessive chewing and grooming removing fur, paw redness and/or soreness and discoloration.

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Clear as Mud is on over Labour Weekend. Photo: SUPPLIED/ANETT PITZ

Pottery showcase

An "exciting" showcase for the Art of pottery will again come to Waihi over Labour Weekend, featuring more than 165 pieces by artists from across the North Island in what is the largest showing since the exhibition was introduced in 2019.

Clear As Mud is a show featuring the beautiful, practical, sculptural, whimsical or just plain weird work of more than 40 potters, from novices to professionals who exhibit internationally.

It will run at the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum on Kenny St, 10am-4pm daily, from October 21 to 24. Entry is free.

Event co-ordinator Dianne Catton said the aim of the event was to promote potters, attract visitors to the town, and add to the area's already vibrant visual arts scene.

"We're again expecting to have a very diverse range of submissions including sculptural pieces, functional and whimsical, from garden totems to wall pieces.

"Waihi is home to several potters who exhibit locally, regionally and internationally. People stopping by to view the show will be amazed at the wide range of talent." All the work on display will be available for purchase.



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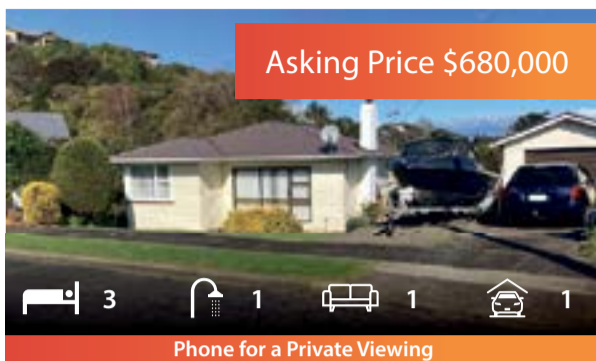


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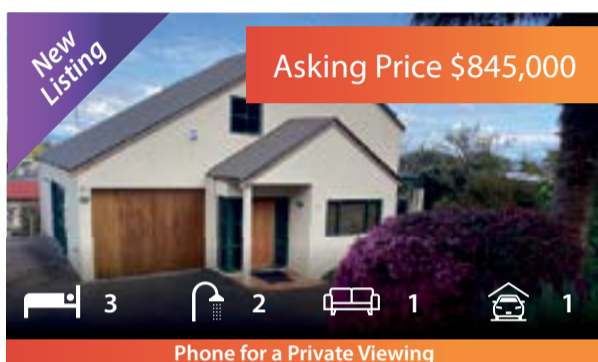


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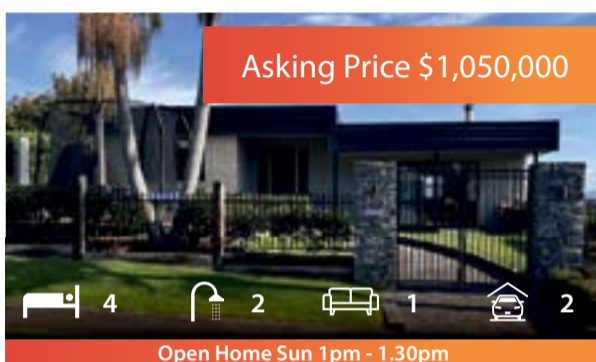
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Commencing at 1030

Agenda:

- Apologies.
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM.
- Matters Arising.
- Presidents Report.
- Treasurers Report.
- Election of Executive for 2022 – 2023.
- General Business.

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One-point loss in action-packed match

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Thames Valley gained two bonus points from a disappointing 43-44 loss against Horowhenua Kapiti in their Heartland Championship match played at Te Aroha last Saturday. In spite of losing the game, the Swamp Foxes have remained in third place on the points table. This means that for the last four seasons Thames Valley has made the play-offs in the Meads Cup section of the competition. They will now play Whanganui in a semi-final at Whanganui next Saturday. As a result of a convincing 41-21 victory over North Otago, King Country jumped into fourth place and will play South Canterbury in the other semi-final.

There was plenty of action at Te Aroha where a total of ten tries were scored and the lead changed hands seven times. Horowhenua Kapiti had plenty to play for with a place in the Lochore Cup semi-finals in the offing and they can be well pleased with their performance.

Thames Valley opened the scoring with tries to Lea Mau Fangufangu and Telly Hemopo, both of which were converted by Zak Stephens.

Midway through the half the score was 17-all. Stephens had added a penalty goal while the visitors had scored three tries and a conversion. There was a feast of scoring up until half time when the Swamp Foxes led 34-31. Stephens had kicked his second penalty goal while Tayne Tupaea and Calum Wood both scored tries which he converted. Horowhenua also notched up two converted tries.

With a total of 65 points on the scoreboard, the momentum slowed in the second half as each team tightened up their defence. Both sides exchanged penalty goals and then the Horowhenua fullback managed to score between the posts following some fancy footwork.

The successful conversion enabled Horowhenua to regain the lead at 41-37 with ten minutes to go.

This lead was short lived as Stevens kicked his fourth and fifth penalty goals and the Swamp Foxes were back in front. Time was almost up as Valley endeavoured to hold on for a 43-41 victory. In doing so they conceded a penalty right on full time and Horowhenua kicked the goal to win 44-43 and gain a home semi-final in the Lochore Cup section of the Heartland Championship.

It is not the best preparation for the Swamp Foxes to go into the semi-finals with consecutive loses to two teams below them on the points table. They are not defending as strongly as they were at the start of the season and too many promising attacks are not producing points. However, with hard work this week they have the potential to be more than a match for Whanganui. On the plus side it was good to see replacement five-eighth Zak Stephens' excellent goal kicking in scoring 23 points against Horowhenua with five penalties and four conversions.

FINAL POINTS: Meads Cup South Canterbury 39, Whanganui 36, Thames Valley 27, King Country 25. Lochore Cup. North Otago 23, Horowhenua Kapiti 20, East Coast 16, Mid Canterbury 18.



Telly Hemopo makes a flying try for the Swamp Foxes.

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Valley's Zach Clarke goes in for the tackle.



Tayne Tupaea races for the try line.

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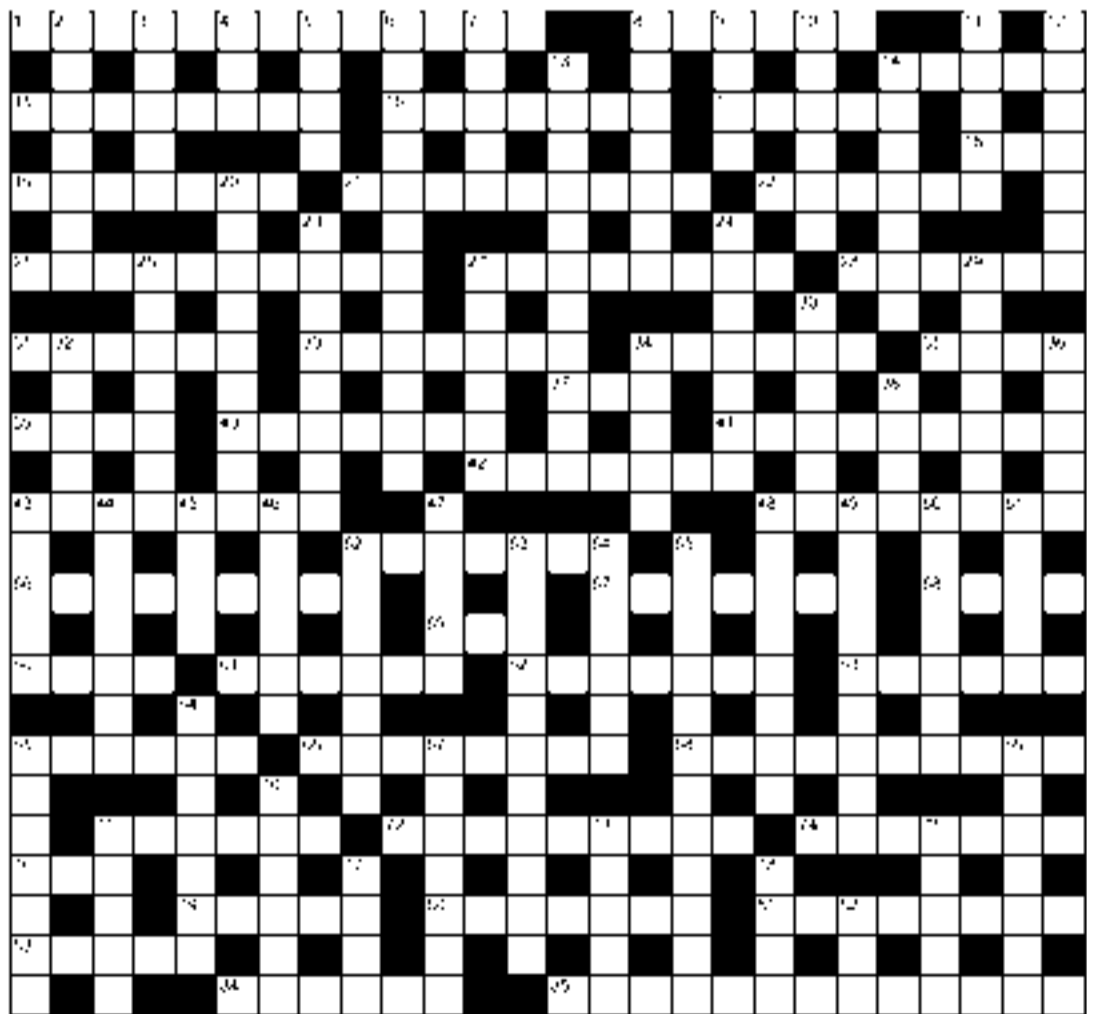
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 - 18 Depressed (3)
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 - 25 Youth (10)
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 - 31 Double-sized wine bottle (6)
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 - 35 Complacent (4)
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 - 40 Tidiest (7)
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 - 56 Very unhappy (9)
 - 57 Seek (4,3)
 - 58 Counterfeit (4)
 - 59 Donkey (3)
 - 60 Business transaction (4)
 - 61 Rabbit burrow
 - network (6)
 - 62 French castle (7)
 - 63 Adventurous courage (6)
 - 65 Meat pin (6)
 - 66 Programme (8)
 - 68 Half a sixpence (10)
 - 71 Be indecisive (6)
 - 72 Roast lamb dressing (4,5)
 - 74 Russian empress (7)
 - 76 Animal covering (3)
 - 79 Unworldly (5)
 - 80 This evening (7)
 - 81 Goodbye for now (2,6)
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 - 12 Interlace (7)
 - 13 Pungent sauce (11)
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 - 29 Marzipan ingredient (7)
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AUTOMATIC

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2019 Suzuki Swift Sport

15,XXXKM
1.4L TURBO PETROL
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58,XXXKM
1.3L PETROL
AUTOMATIC



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43,XXXKM
1.4L TURBO PETROL
AUTOMATIC
2-TONE



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78,XXXKM
1.4L TURBO PETROL
AUTOMATIC



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21,XXXKMS
1.4L TURBO PETROL
AUTOMATIC
EXCELLENT
CONDITION

NZ
NEW



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2.5L PETROL
4WD,
AUTOMATIC



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AUTOMATIC



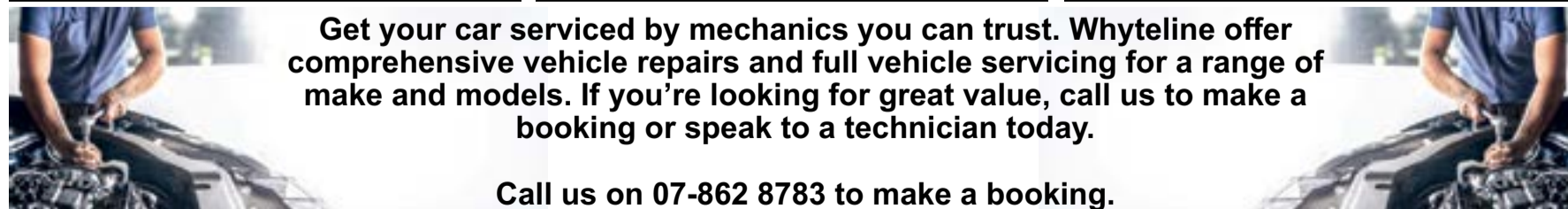
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