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Time's ticking for voters



Re-elected Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams drops his vote into the ballot box at council. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

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

Hauraki's voter turn-out has been "average to crap" the past few local body elections, but the mayor is hopeful that once votes are counted come Saturday, the numbers will reflect at least half of the district's population. Voting closes at midday this Saturday for the 2022 local elections, with progress results published at around 3pm. But for those who have not yet sent their voting paper through

the post, Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams - who has already been re-elected unopposed - encouraged residents to bring it into any of council's three offices, where they can stick it in an orange ballot box instead. "If you're leaving it to the last minute, the most appropriate way to ensure your vote is going to count is to drop it into one of the offices rather than trying to post it," he said. "If you rely on NZ Post getting it to where it needs to be, it might not make it

in time." Mayor Adams told *The Profile* that voter turn-out for Hauraki had been "average to crap" the past few elections, with barely 40 per cent of ratepayers having their say. According to data from the Department of Internal Affairs, at the 2016 local body elections, Hauraki had a 44.6 per cent voter turn-out, while the neighbouring Thames-Coromandel district had 51 per cent. "As a country, we're very good

at complaining, but we're not very good at being proactive and voting, so it'd be really neat to see Hauraki have a really high voter turn-out," Mayor Adams said. "About 50 per cent would be nice - we never get much above 40 per cent - and it always makes it difficult to hear all those complaints afterwards, realising that 60 per cent of the district didn't vote." Mayor Adams said council impacted the daily lives of all residents, so voting was important to ensure diversity around the table.

"The people that are appointed are there to represent you and make decisions based on what they feel the community's needs are. If not enough people have voted, then they may not be getting enough of the demographics in their decision making," he said. "Vote for people that align with your way of thinking, regardless of how you think. That way you're ensuring your voice is getting heard around the council table."

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Mayor invites King to Thames

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

Time will tell whether the new monarch King Charles III will accept an invitation to visit Thames, after a letter was sent to the sovereign by the town's mayor requesting he do a "drive-by" while in the country.

While it has not been confirmed the King will visit New Zealand on his first royal tour, Thames-Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie said it wouldn't be far-fetched if he did call in to Thames and pay tribute to Sir Keith Park, the senior RAF officer remembered as being 'the Defender of London'.

"He was a good, honest Kiwi boy, born and raised in Thames, and he went to England to fight in the war, in the skies, flying planes, and he is credited with winning the Battle of Britain," Mayor Goudie told *The Profile*.

"We may not have the monarchy if it wasn't for what he achieved."

Earlier this month, the King told New Zealand Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro that he looked forward to coming to New Zealand on an official visit, although he did not know when that would be.

And in a report from the British newspaper, *The Times*, a royal insider picked New Zealand to be on the King's list of destinations for his first royal tour.

"One of the added advantages is that, for a whistle-stop



Mayor Sandra Goudie has sent word to Buckingham Palace.

File photo: KELLEY TANTAU

tour of New Zealand, we're only an hour and a half out of Auckland, so it's not a big ask for him to maybe do a drive-by on his way to Hamilton or Tauranga," Mayor Goudie said.

But if her invitation to the King was successful, Mayor Goudie - who is not standing for the top job again these elections - said it'd be up to the new mayor to relish in the monarch's arrival.

"That would be all part of what a new mayor and council and community would have the absolute joy of being able to do," she said. "I'd just be thrilled to see it come off, and [for them] to pay tribute to Sir Keith Park as well as the Battle of Britain."

Thames has a statue of Sir Keith Park outside the Civic Centre in Mary St. There is also a reciprocal statue of the war hero in London.

Both Mayor Goudie and Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams were invited to attend New Zealand's state memorial service for the Queen on September 26, but neither could attend.

Mayor Goudie - who met King Charles III at Government House in Wellington back in 2005 - said she was "grateful" to have been asked to the state memorial service, and that she will keep the invitation as a memento.

'Make your vote count'

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After voting has closed at mid-day on October 8, same-day progress results will be published around 3pm; however, final results will not be published for another week.

With Mayor Adams already retaining the top job for a further three years, he said that while there won't be the usual "nervous wait" for him this weekend, he was still anxious for the other candidates.

He said he'd like to get together with those successful and unsuccessful after the outcome.

"Anybody that puts their head above the parapet deserves recognition and thanks, regardless of whether they are successful or not."

As of September 29, 15.2 per cent of Hauraki's eligible voters had returned their voting documents. In the lead was the Plains ward, with 16.4 per cent, closely followed by Waihi at 14.8 per cent and Paeroa at 14.5 per cent.

However, the numbers were lagging behind compared to previous years.

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9:11am 0.9	9:58pm 0.9	10:25am 0.9	11:04pm 0.8	11:35am 0.8		6:21am 3.3	6:50pm 3.6	7:20am 3.4	7:41pm 3.6	8:10am 3.6	8:28pm 3.7	8:56am 3.6	9:14pm 3.6
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Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	07	-0	07
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

Thames fireman ignites 25-year service

By GORDON PREECE

Corrie Leach joined the fire service in 1997 as an enthusiastic 16-year-old who used to rush to the station from Thames High School whenever the siren rang.

The current senior station officer at Thames Volunteer Fire Brigade has now clocked up 25 years with the service, and told *The Profile* his family history with the fire service sparked his interest.

“My father [Graham Leach] was the Thames Fire Brigade deputy chief fire officer at the time and my uncle Warwick had also been with Thames before he later transferred to Paeroa, and he now serves in Pauanui,” he said.

“My brother Ricky started in Thames and rejoined in Ngātea about three years ago, and my brother Dion has been with Thames the whole time.

“Cousin Ryan was also in the Paeroa fire brigade, so my family’s been firemen for a long time.”

Corrie, who is a logistics manager at HG Leach & Co, said he also had a desire to help the community and be part of a team.

“You have your bad callouts but you also have a lot of good things that happen too down [at the station] like the social aspect of it,” he said.



Corrie Leach has been a volunteer firefighter since 1997.

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“Fire and Emergency New Zealand is a big family, everyone’s there to help one another.”

Corrie said he had responded

to around 80 annual callouts during his 25 years, and his most memorable ones included four “well involved” Thames infernos.

“The big fires which really stuck out was the Video Ezy fire on the main street in Thames in 2003, that was quite well involved when we got the call.

“In recent years we’ve had the two big Smart Environmental fires in 2018 and 2019, and the ITM fire was the last big one in 2019.

“They all lasted probably six to eight hours and the scene was busy, but your training kicked in and you just jumped into action.”

Corrie said he had grown accustomed to the challenges of being a volunteer firefighter, and when the siren blared he would “get up and go”.

“Sometimes the challenge for me could be I’d be up all night, the siren might’ve gone at 2am or 3am, you get back to the station at 6am and then you have to go to work,” he said.

“That can be quite challenging being tired and all that but you get pretty accustomed to it, you always get a couple of hours sleep.”

Corrie said the Gold Star award for his 25 year service would be officially presented to him early November.

“It’s gone very fast, just the other day I was at school and here I am now 25 years later and I’m quite young to receive it, I’m only 41,” he said.

Corrie said he would like to thank his wife, Fiona, and sons Thomas and Fergus for their support.

“It’s been enjoyable and I don’t plan on leaving anytime soon.”

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Youth on voters' minds

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

The youth was on the mind of the voters at the final Meet the Candidates event before this Saturday's local body elections.

Candidates for the Paeroa ward of Hauraki District Council - Mike Bennett, Paul Milner, Carole Ann Daley, Rino Wilkinson, Jo Tilsley, and Melba Pakinga - attended the event, hosted by the Paeroa Lions, alongside three Waihou candidates for the Waikato Regional Council: Robert Cookson, Philip Sherwood, and Ben Dunbar-Smith.

The council candidates were quizzed on an array of questions relating to the youth of Paeroa, such as: "What is the council actively doing to encourage young people, especially Māori, to get involved in leadership?" and "Do you have any ideas on how to get [youth] off their backsides and do something constructive?"

Current deputy mayor Paul Milner, vying to return to his seat around the table, fielded both questions.

"Council, through the government, has got an office in the main street - Gr8 Job Hauraki - and they effectively seek out young people, anybody wanting employment, and try to match them with jobs that are available," he answered to the latter. "There's lots of work out there if anyone wants it."

Carole Anne Daley was asked why a vape shop was allowed to trade in Paeroa when young people were targeted with the product.

"It's a bit hard for us to pick out our own area and say 'definitely no' to something when it is allowed everywhere else," she said. "I would definitely not have had it, had it been a choice that we were given."

Rino Wilkinson was asked his thoughts on how he could improve life for those living in hardship in Paeroa, and he said while he didn't have the "right answer", it had been on his radar for some time.

"Time's are tough, and it's only getting worse, I'm guessing, since the pandemic. So, how do we fix that? It's a really good question, and I'm sorry I don't have the right answer for that, but it's definitely something I've noted."

Melba Pakinga was asked if she had a vision on how to engage the local Māori youth. She said a lot of our young people did not have the proper role models, and were easily influenced. It was a task of the community to look at how they could influence them in the right way.

Newcomer Mike Bennett and second-term hopeful Jo Tilsley were asked about social housing, water issues, and the newly-introduced SUIP rating scheme which increases rates for farm dwellings and retirement villages.

DETAILS: It's now too late to post your votes! Instead, drop your vote into a ballot box at one of Hauraki District Council's three offices before midday October 8. For more details on your candidates, visit: www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz



Last year, the Thames Valley Zonta Club raised \$4300 from its Bookarama.

File photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Bookarama back for 2022

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

Free of any Covid-19 restrictions, the organisers behind Thames Valley's Bookarama have their fingers crossed that this year's event will be bigger than ever.

The Thames Valley Zonta Club's annual fundraiser, which helps projects locally, nationally, and internationally, will see hundreds of books for sale at St James Church in Thames later this month.

Last year, the club raised \$4300, and president Rose Ward said the funds went to community initiatives, such as grants for new midwives in the Thames area, and the club's bi-annual

Women's Study Award.

They have also supported Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in the area, she said.

"We hope it will be even bigger than last year. In 2021, masks were still a requirement, so we are pleased people can browse the books without a mask."

Founded in 1919 in the USA, Zonta International has 30,000 members in 1200 clubs across 67 countries. Members volunteer their time to support women and girls in their local communities, run projects in many parts of the world to improve the lives of women, and advocate on women's issues at all levels of society.

In New Zealand, Zonta has been active for 50 years, and has

28 clubs from Northland to Otago.

The Thames Valley club has been operating for at least 25 years.

Books are still needed to fill the St James Church Hall, so Rose has asked for any donations of books to be dropped off at the ANZ on Pollen St or the Treasury on Queen St, up until October 14.

DETAILS: Zonta Bookarama in Thames, Friday, October 21 (9am - 5pm) and Saturday, October 22 (9am - 3pm) at St James Church hall, Pahau St, Thames. All welcome. Enquiries to Althea on 027 217 9222.



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Student makes AstroSoup for the soul

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

A Paeroa College student's innovative new business could turn soup into the next two-minute noodles.

Hamish Buchanan, 18, has this year taken part in the national Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) and with that, he's created AstroSoup, a freeze-dried soup business he says is the first of its kind in the country.

The high schooler and fledgling entrepreneur said the reason for the brand was twofold: not only had he noticed a lack of ready-made and freeze-dried meals while on shift at Paeroa Four Square, but he often opted for convenient meals himself.

"During the school holidays, I would be home from school and almost every day I'd cook for lunch 2-Minute Noodles, because they were easy and I was lazy," he said.

"But my parents were always on at me about how innutritious they were and how terrible they are for you, but they just tasted so good and they were so easy to cook.

"So, I thought: hey, what if I find something that is much more nutritious, but is something you can chuck in the cupboard and wait for a rainy day [to eat], and that is just as tasty



Paeroa College student Hamish Buchanan, 18, has created AstroSoup, a freeze-dried soup business he believes is the first of its kind in the country.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

as well."

According to Hamish, freeze-drying his meals involves cooking the soup and then freezing the product in a vacuum chamber before slowly increasing the temperature, causing all of the ice in the food to sublimate or

turn straight from a solid to a gas, leaving behind a "honeycomb-like" structure that returns to normal by simply adding water.

He said this preserves the vitamins and minerals, and allows AstroSoup to use chunks

of real meat in its recipe.

The soup itself was cooked in the Paeroa Four Square commercial kitchen, and because freeze-dryers are hard to come by in New Zealand, Hamish had to fly down to Real Meals in Nelson with a big box of

soup - labelled 'fragile' - as his checked baggage.

The soup was freeze-dried, packaged, and was now available to purchase - although it'll likely be a limited time offer.

Once finished with high school, Hamish will spend a year undertaking a discipleship training internship at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp.

He's also interested in pursuing higher education which focuses on engineering.

"I came into [business studies] this year, knowing it would be a challenge and knowing that I'd probably have to do it all on my own, which is a lot, but I am super proud of what I've been able to achieve," he said.

The Young Enterprise Scheme is designed so secondary school students are able to set up and run a real business.

The Waikato regional finals will be held on November 1, with the national awards on December 6.

DETAILS: Hamish's AstroSoup is beef, butternut, and bacon flavoured and comes in a single-serve ready-to-go bowl, and a four-serve saver pack, available from Paeroa Four Square. For details on AstroSoup visit: astro-soup.mystorbie.com



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Mayor Toby Adams with Brian Gentil, Duncan Smeaton, and Ross Harris, who have had their final meeting as district councillors. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Councillors farewell outgoing colleagues

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

When Duncan Smeaton became a Hauraki district councillor, he was just a Waihi ratepayer chomping at the bit to see how he could contribute to local government.

But getting himself voted in during the 2016 elections was one of the most difficult things to overcome, he said, because telling the public to: 'vote for Duncan Smeaton 'cause he's a real good guy' made him uncomfortable.

In fact, he was so self-conscious ahead of his first term as a local politician that he resorted to sticking up his candidate placards under darkness.

"I turned up [to a property] at 10 o'clock at night so no one could see me, and I was banging away on the fence, and a window opened two metres in front of me and someone yelled: 'What the eff are you doing!'"

Duncan, who is one of four Hauraki district councillors opting not to stand again this year, said he learned that "if you want to get on council, you've got to promote yourself".

The September 28 council meeting was the last for Plains ward councillor Ross Harris, and Waihi ward councillors Duncan Smeaton and Brian Gentil. Paul Anderson is also not standing for the Waihi ward for a second term but was absent from the meeting.

They were awarded certificates and thanked for their service.

"I've learned a lot," Cr Gentil said. "It's been a challenge, it's been a joy, it's been the opposite. I've got new challenges

I'm looking forward to including, hopefully, catching up with my mokopuna [grandchildren], two of which I haven't met yet."

Ross Harris is standing down after six years as a councillor, and at the meeting, he mentioned his friend and fellow Plains councillor, Rodney Garrett, who died on June 6 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

"The first term I really, really enjoyed. This term has been difficult, and I can feel my chest getting tight already," he said.

"We had Covid and I think we all coped... but we all went through Rodney's 18 months of passing away, and while Toby talked about my work ethic, mine has got nothing on what Rodney went through in those last 18 months; he just wouldn't give up, and I hugely respected the way in which he thought.

"So, I really have struggled this term, but I am really excited about what we've achieved."

Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams said the current calibre of councillors was the best he'd seen.

"I honestly believe that in my time here, this has been the best council, the most cohesive council, and the most district-thinking council. We've supported other wards in their endeavours, and we haven't questioned any funding... in times' past, that wouldn't have happened," he said. "It's going to be hard to replicate those dynamics, but I wish you well in your endeavours. You will be missed immensely around these tables."



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By GORDON PREECE

Helping Hawke's Bay kiwi was one experience a Hauraki Plains College student had on his journey to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh gold award.

The award is available to all 14 to 24-year-olds regardless of their background, and anyone over 16 who has achieved silver can undertake the gold level.

Jared Sewell told *The Profile* it was "pretty amazing" to achieve gold after many hours of community service and outdoor recreation.

"I think [the gold award] would really look good on scholarship applications, CVs and tertiary and job applications," he said.

"It will show that I've built resilience and committed to the time required to do it."

Jared, who is in year 13, said his gold award was divided into five sections, including an "adventurous journey".

This section is split into preparation and training, practice journey and qualifying journey.

"I did my training and my practice journey in one session and that involved a four-day and three-night trip in Kaweka Forest Park in Hawke's Bay, that was in April, 2021," he said.

"I did my qualifying journey which is another four-day exhibition last December, eight hours a day was the requirement of tramping and then a four day loop to practice our bushcraft, navigation and risk assessment."

Jared said his gold award also required him to take part in physical recreation, skills and volun-



Jared Sewell hiked, played piano and nurtured kiwi to achieve his Duke of Edinburgh gold award.

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tary service sections for one hour each week.

"For my physical recreation I did mountain biking and my main activity was hiking. You have to get your 52 hours for the section and I think I ended up with 380 hours," he said.

"For my skills section I did pi-

ano, I've been learning piano for probably ten years now, and I'm up to grade 6 of my Trinity College London piano exams which I'll be doing in September."

For his voluntary service Jared has been walking an elderly lady's dog in Thames. His final section of the award was a residential pro-

ject, which he achieved through five days of volunteering with the Environment, Conservation and Outdoor Education Trust at Hawke's Bay in April.

"I did the first day at the Opouahi Kiwi Creche in Tutira where I did trapping, clearing bush off the fence and getting ready for the kiwis to be moved in," he said.

"The next two days I did trapping, clearing the traps and recording them on the Trap.nz app, and then the last two days I was doing the kiwi health checks.

"We went out and monitored with an aerial, listened for the signals and tracked [the kiwis] and then we would do their health checks, weigh them, take their beak length and send them back."

Jared said he received \$2216 from the Ministry of Education Gifted Learners Award to go towards his bronze and gold levels and received \$686 from the Hauraki Plains College Snow Douglas Trust to go towards silver.

He planned to continue enjoying the outdoors and walk from Cape Reinga to Bluff in his gap year after leaving school, he said.

"I have recently started a YouTube channel of my tramping adventures where I will also be posting weekly videos while on the Te Araroa trail [3000km length of New Zealand] this summer," he said.

"I started university papers last year and I'm just studying computer science and looking towards an engineering degree after my gap year."

DETAILS: Jared's You Tube channel is On the Trail NZ.

In Brief

CROSS-STITCH RETREAT

A cross-stitch retreat in which 70 crafters are coming to Thames from around New Zealand is happening this weekend. Held at the Civic Centre on Mary St, a pop-up shop will also be running between 10am to 1pm on Sunday, October 9. Well-known cross-stitch suppliers will be selling hand-dyed fabric, specialty floss, and stitching accessories. Entry is a gold coin donation, which will be given to Thames SPCA.

PINK RIBBON APPEAL

People are being called to volunteer for the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal, in which 10,000 volunteers will take to the streets on October 28 and 29 to shake a pink bucket for two hours. In Waikato, area co-ordinators who manage a small team of local collectors are still being sought in Coromandel Town, Pauanui, Tairua, Te Aroha, and Waihi.

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Soil health – back to basics



By Bala TikkiSETTY

Environmental and economic performance and sustainability of our agriculture, including forestry, can be greatly influenced by soil quality.

Soil physical condition – commonly referred to as ‘soil structure’ – has an important influence on farm economics and environment.

Soil structure determines the porosity, strength and stability of a soil. For all practical purposes, these are the most important soil physical properties because they influence the movement and storage of water in the soil, the ability of roots to penetrate and grow in the soil and withdraw water and nutrients, and finally the ability of a soil to resist erosion.

A well-structured soil has many stable aggregates with a wide range of sizes. It contains a large number of pores, both within and between those aggregates, which maintain the correct balance of air and water in the soil and also allows easy emergence of seedlings and growth of plant roots.

Poorly structured soil either does not have aggregates of many different sizes or the aggregates are packed tightly together with few pores. Poor structure in a light textured soil results in unstable aggregates and the soil appears fine and powdery. Poor soil structure can markedly increase the risk of wind erosion.

Soil porosity and water holding capacity

Over half the total soil volume



Pugging results in immediate loss of pasture production, and consequently animal production.

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consists of pores in a well-structured soil. About 40 per cent of these pores are very small and nearly always filled with water held so tightly that plant roots cannot withdraw it.

The proportions of sand, silt, clay and organic matter determine volumes of these small pores.

Medium size pores retain water, which can be taken up by the roots. The volume of these pores determines the water holding capacity of a soil and therefore its susceptibility to

drought.

Large pores (macropores) are the structural soil pores, and are important for infiltration of water into the soil, drainage of excess water from the soil, aeration of the root zone, and as passages for root growth in the soil.

Damage to soil structure

The two main forms of soil structural damage are aggregate breakdown and soil compaction.

Aggregate is caused by some natural processes, such as wet/

dry and freeze/thaw cycles. Soils comprising mostly of silt and sand, with only a small proportion of clay, are most susceptible because these soils are only loosely bound.

Organic matter is a major soil binding constituent, so soils with low organic matter are particularly susceptible. Cultivation significantly reduces soil organic matter content and can rapidly result in serious aggregate breakdown with the risk of erosion, crusting, and poor infiltration of rain and irriga-

tion water.

Soil compaction is the compression or squeezing of a soil. Soil compaction reduces the number and volume of large soil pores (macropores) and increases soil density. Large pores are important for the movement of water and gases in the soil. Small pores are responsible for water and mineral storage.

A well-structured soil has a macro-porosity of 15-20 per cent. Soils differ in their resistance to compaction because of their difference in texture, mineralogy, organic matter content and water content. The wetter a soil is the greater its susceptibility to damage, because water reduces soil cohesion and lubricates the movement of aggregates.

With compaction, the proportion of fine pores is increased, causing a decrease in water drainage and air exchange. Plant root growth is also restricted, causing a decline in the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients.

Farm machinery and heavy animal grazing is the source of compaction especially in wet conditions.

Pugging results in immediate loss of pasture production, through a loss in plant number, tiller number, and reduction in nitrogen fixation. So, pugging limits nitrogen supply, pasture production and consequently animal production.

DETAILS: A soil health and biodiversity field day is being held at Paterangi, near Te Awamutu, on Wednesday, 19 October. Please visit waikatoregion.govt.nz/public-events for the details and to RSVP.

- Bala TikkiSETTY is a sustainable agriculture advisor (technical) at Waikato Regional Council, Ph 0800 800 401.

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Productive land to be protected

The government has released a National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL), which it says will enhance protection for the country's most productive land, providing security for both our domestic food supply and primary exports.

"The National Policy Statement will greatly improve how we protect highly-productive land from inappropriate subdivision, use and development," Environment Minister David Parker said.

"We need to house our people and to feed them too. Our cities and towns need to grow but not at the expense of the land that's best suited to grow our food.

"The NPS-HPL will help protect our best growing areas so Kiwis continue to have access to leafy greens and other healthy foods."

Councils would be required to identify, map and manage highly productive land to ensure it was available for growing vegetables, fruit and other primary production, now and into the future, he said.

"Councils, in limited circumstances, will still be able to rezone highly-productive land for urban housing if less productive land is not available, or if certain tests can be met," he said.

"However, the NPS-HPL will introduce strong restrictions on the use of highly productive land for new rural lifestyle developments."

Agriculture and Trade Minister Damien O'Connor said highly productive land provides food for New Zealanders, significant economic and employment benefits to communities and underpins the value of

New Zealand's primary sector.

"Our Fit for a Better World roadmap that we developed with the sector will add \$44 billion over 10 years to our primary sector exports, but is dependent on maintaining access to our highly productive soils," Mr O'Connor said.

"Today's changes enhance protection for our highly productive land giving farmers, growers, and other food producers certainty into the future, and provide greater economic security for all New Zealanders."

Over the past 20 years, about 35,000 hectares of highly productive land had been carved up for urban or rural residential development, while 170,000 hectares of this land had been converted to lifestyle blocks, he said.

"Once land is built on, it can no longer be used to grow food and fibre. That's why we are moving to protect our most fertile and versatile land, especially in our main food production areas like Auckland, Waikato, Hawke's Bay, Horowhenua and Canterbury," Mr O'Connor said.

Associate Agriculture Minister Meka Whaitiri said the government worked closely with local authorities, industry, growers, and Māori organisations to develop a policy that was workable and fit-for-purpose.

The NPS-HPL will be transitioned into the two Acts replacing the Resource Management Act – the Spatial Planning Act (SPA) and the Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA).

The NPS-HPL 2022 will be available online at: environment.govt.nz/publications/national-policy-statement-for-highly-productive-land.



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Michael Bell is the resident organist, composer, and music teacher at Kings School in Remuera, Auckland.

His early exploits in music were as an improviser on piano and later on the organ. His first job was playing piano in the lobby of a shopping mall along Queen St.

In 2016, St Matthews in the City performed his setting of *Psalm 100*, and in 2017, he won best performance of

a New Zealand work at the Kids Sing, with *The Crocodile*, words by Roald Dahl. He has a passion for the music of JS Bach and improvises on organ and piano with his own blend of classical and baroque elements.

Hosted by the Thames Music Group, Bell will be in town this Sunday, October 9.

DETAILS: Organist, pianist and composer Michael Bell, playing the historic pipe organ in St George's Church, Sunday, October 9 at 2pm. Tickets: \$20 cash at the door. For info, visit www.thamesmusicgroup.com.



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Ann, left, and Stephen Cooper enjoy their afternoon.



Shirley, left, and Laurie McCormack make a toast to their outing.



Matthew Tegg, left, Emily Logan and Isaac Smith serenade the crowd.



Ngātea Lions president Marilyn McMillan, left, and admin Brian McMillan.



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1945
A nationwide dairy strike spread to four factories of the New Zealand Cooperative Dairy Company on the Hauraki Plains at Waitakaruru, Ngatea, Kopuarahi and Turua cheese factories.

Wharepoa, Hikutaia and Matatoki cheese factories and the Ngatea butter factory kept working. Mr Hale, of Kopuarahi, chairman of the Dairy Board, and Mr Marshall, a member of the board and chairman of the New Zealand Co-operative Company, left for Wellington to discuss the strike. Local farmers stepped in to man the factories as soon as the strike occurred. Air force and Army personnel helped the other 30 striking factories across the country.

A fighter pilot was killed and another was posted missing following night flying training by two RNZAF aircraft in the Auckland area. Both aircraft were flying from Whenuapai and were last heard of between 10.45 and 11pm. A search was begun and the wreckage of one machine was found between Pokeno and Mi-

randa. The pilot was killed instantly. A widespread search by aircraft did not locate the second machine, although most of the Auckland area was covered before the weather stopped flying. During a further search particular attention was paid to the Waitakere ranges but the pilot and his aircraft were never found.

The Kaiua hotel and the self-contained store and post office which were part of the hotel property, were totally destroyed by fire. The licensee, Mr Annan, his wife and local residents were only able to save a few personal effects. When discovered, the fire had a strong hold but as there was an inadequate water supply they were powerless and had to stand by and watch the hotel go up in smoke. The building contained about 14 rooms, including eight bedrooms. They had been recently painted. It was a very severe loss, especially under post war circumstances and shortages when replacement was difficult. The cause of the fire was not known.

A boys' holiday camp to be held at the YMCA's property on

the Thames Coast at Waiomu would cater for 400 boys at the rate of 140 a week. The camp had recently been improved and now featured an outdoor chapel and a camp fire circle. It was beautifully situated on a sandy bay overlooking the Firth of Thames. Natural drainage provided dry ground on which to pitch tents. Several mountain streams and hundreds of acres of bush clad hills invited tramps and exploration. The health of the campers was given every consideration and there were at least two nurses on site. Every precaution would be taken to ensure safety, particularly during swimming and boating. The boys could participate in athletics, archery, debates, prepared and impromptu speeches, deck tennis, quoits and skittles.

There would also be team games of cricket, football, volleyball, basketball and baseball. The many letters of appreciation from parents that were received after the previous year's camp made enthusiastic reference to how their boys had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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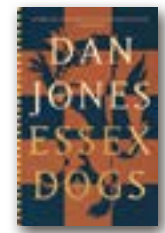


Straight Up by Ruby Tui

This is Ruby Tui. An open, raw and honest account of her journey from a troubled and unstable childhood yearning for a better option in life to Olympic Champion and arguably the world's best rugby sevens player. Ruby learned to rely on herself and her own strengths as a child, growing up without role models in an atmosphere of misery and shame. Her extended family did all they could but it was sport that was the one constant in her childhood, and that pulled her through. Through telling her story, Ruby aims to become an advocate for healthy environments for Kiwi kids and raising awareness about mental health. A raw and honest account of Ruby's life and strength of character and determination to succeed despite her difficult formative years.

All The Broken Places by John Boyne

All the Broken Places is John Boyne's masterful sequel to his classic bestseller, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, taking a character from that novel on a journey to a place she never goes - the past. Through her story, Boyne explores the aftermath of the World War II and the effects of a lifetime of guilt. Three years after a cataclysmic 1946 event which tore their lives apart, a mother and daughter flee Poland for Paris, shame and fear at their heels not knowing how hard it is to escape your past. Brilliant story which draws the reader in and doesn't let go.



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Bushline by Robbie Burton

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Health & Wellbeing

Be kind to yourself

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

Every week it is normal for me to find my self in conversation with someone in the education or social sector who is absolutely exhausted.

For many of us right now we are holding on, white knuckled, teeth clenched, and looking forward to when things settle down.

You'll know what I'm talking about, constant absenteeism at work due to sickness, increased work load, increased fatigue. And in some cases, we are driving ourselves into the ground. Something has

to give, and my hope is it can be some of the things that cause the stress and not the people holding it together. You

are more valuable and your health and longevity is what brings value to your roles.

Be they work, family life, or volunteering.

One of the foundational ideas that underpin our work as youth workers at Living Well Trust is E Tū

Tāngata. It's an audacious idea that we can challenge and change kiwi culture. You see, we kiwis love our sarcasm, and under the surface, it reflects our tall poppy syndrome. All of us will have experienced a time where we begin to do well at something, and we get torn down because of it.

This deeply rooted culture that somehow sees another person's success as a threat to my own.

The problem is that living in such culture begins to erode our sense of worth. We begin to put ourselves down before others can. I see this in young people every day. And, in fact, we do a poll at the start of every Thrive programme asking students to rate themselves out of ten. A large number are very low, and most are under a seven.

The pillars of E Tū Tāngata are simple. You Have Value –

We Succeed Together – Others Matter.

Starting first with the intrinsic value of a person, and then moving out from there to looking at how we interact with others and how we value them.

So as we reflect on the fatigue we are all experiencing may I remind you, that you have value. You matter. You are important. And your responsibilities are not more important than your health or the health of your family.

So please be kind to yourself. Take time to do something that gives you life, to do something that reminds you that you matter too. Because the work and the responsibility will keep, it's not going anywhere. And some of it simply is not that important. Many of us learned that during lockdowns yet somehow, we find ourselves having picked it all back up again.

It's time to find that moment to pause, take a breather. The task will keep, it can wait.

Grab a hot drink, go for a bike ride, sit and watch the sun set over the horizon, and take a moment to remember you have value.

- Michael Wilkes is a Living Well Trust youth worker

Mental health is a very real issue

As a practice, we are aware that mental health is a very real issue within our community, and to support our local population, we are very fortunate to have the services of our HIP (Health Improvement Practitioners) team who work out of Health Ngatea every Thursday.

WHAT IS AN HIP?

They work to provide a combination of health coaching and qualified experience in having completed specialist training in the Te Tumu Waiora Primary Mental Health model. The HIP is essentially part of the practice team, and see people of all ages and at all stages of their lives for a wide variety of reasons and for anything that impacts on a person's health and wellbeing. HIP coaches are trained in the primary care behavioural model, which aims to improve and promote overall health within the general population. They work to empower people to make positive changes in



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Connections are important

Mental Health Awareness Week took place last week with the theme is 'Reconnect - with the people and places that lift you up'.

The Mental Health Foundation said this year's Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) was about reconnection.

"The past couple of years have been tough and it's easy to feel disconnected from the people and places that are important to us.

"Whether it's reconnecting with someone you have lost contact with,

a special place or even yourself, re-connect with the people and places that lift you up to enhance your wellbeing - hei pikinga waiora."

MHAW is the foundation's annual campaign to help Kiwis understand what boosts their wellbeing and improves mental health. It also advocates for better systems, services and communities for people who experience mental illness.

WHERE TO GET HELP: Go to mentalhealth.org.nz/our-work/mhf-resources for a full list of resources.



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SPORTS



Croquet players Felix O'Carroll, left, and Peter Niel show off one of the adapted trollies as they use the new concrete pathway. Photo: SUPPLIED

Upgrades ahead of summer

CROQUET

Over the winter period, the Thames Croquet Club has had a couple of upgrades.

The club's works manager Dennis Karl has been busy reconfiguring the equipment trollies so that they carry everything: hoops to balls to hoop-lifters for ease of setting out the greens.

Meanwhile, president Sheryl McConnell has been busy applying for grants to help improve the facilities.

Her application to Pub Charity Limited was successful and with their generous contribution, the club was able to employ local contractor Mike Green and his team at AGW Landscaping to install a concrete pathway from the clubrooms to the equipment shed, plus an equipment washdown area.

Sheryl had nothing but praise for their work.

"Mike was prompt and courteous and his team did a clean and tidy job. In a word, they were professional. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Pub Charity Limited; without their support we'd have not been able to make this improvement to our grounds," she said.

Now that daylight savings time is here, the club's Twilight play commences on Wednesday evenings, meeting at 4.45pm at 101 Beach Road.

From November 1, playing time on Mondays and Thursdays shifts from afternoons to mornings, meeting at 8.45am. Saturdays remain the same, meeting at 12.45pm. If interested in giving the game a go, put on a pair of flat soft-soled shoes and just turn up.




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Paul Hicks said he caters for his customers' gardening needs.

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Avid gardener grows his business

Paul Hicks is Call The Gardener and said he planted his gardening business last month to fit in with looking after his son and coaching martial arts.

"[I've been planning [the business] since last year and did a few [landscaping] courses over the lockdowns," he said.

"I've always been an avid gardener, I've had a veggie garden that I've always done, I've always grown plants...and cut flowers when I was younger."

Paul said he is offering softscapes and small hardscape gardening services.

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Paul said he was looking forward to growing his business.

"I'm trying to develop a personal service where I create a relationship with the owner," he said.

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Public Notices

Hauraki District Plan



Notification of decision on plan change

Hauraki District Council gives notice that it has made its decisions on the application and submissions on the following Plan Change:

Proposed Plan Change 5: Paeroa Racecourse (Private)

Pursuant to Clause 10(4)(b) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, Hauraki District Council gives notice that on 14 September 2022 it made Decisions on the application, submissions and further submissions to Plan Change 5: Paeroa Racecourse.

Amendments to District Plan:

- Rezoning of land from Reserve (Active) to Residential and Reserve (Passive)
- Inclusion of Structure Plan and associated provisions
- Inclusion of trees in Southwest corner in Schedule of Significant Trees and
- Consequential amendments

To view the Decisions and Amendments on Proposed Plan Change 5: Paeroa Racecourse, visit www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/district-plan/plan-change-5 or any Hauraki District Council office or library.

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Senior Prizegiving – Thurs 3rd November

7.00pm – 9.00pm

Junior Prizegiving – Fri 9th December

10.30am – 12.30pm

SPORTS

Bubble bursts for Swamp Foxes

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Thames Valley journeyed to Gisborne and came home empty handed after losing 17-29 to Poverty Bay in last Saturday's Bunning Warehouse Heartland Championship match.

This result was the major upset of the competition so far. Poverty Bay started the game at the bottom of the points table as opposed to the Swamp Foxes being in number three position. However, Thames Valley remain in third place on the ladder - two points ahead of North Otago and five ahead of King Country.

The Swamp Foxes opened the game strongly but it was Poverty Bay who scored first with a converted try after six minutes.

Valley rebounded quickly and went close to scoring but the home team, motivated by pride and determination, kept them at bay.

At the 20-minute mark, Poverty Bay mounted their second major attack of the match and they were rewarded with another converted try to make the score 14-0.

A penalty goal and then an unconverted try extended Poverty Bay's lead to 22-0 and Thames Valley were on the back foot with half time approaching. Nui Muriwai then sparked the Swamp Foxes into action with a deceptive run starting deep inside his own half and setting up Harry Lafituanai, who scored an excellent try. Zac Stephens, who had replaced an injured Todd Doolan, added the extra two points to make the half time score Poverty Bay 22, Thames Valley 7.

The second half was a mighty tussle as the home fought bravely to retain their lead



Valley's Tayna Tupaea reaches for the ball in the lineout.

Photo: JAKOB ANDREW

while the visitors battled away in an attempt to turn pressure into points.

Stevens narrowed the gap to 22-10 with a penalty goal in the 62nd minute, but four minutes later Poverty Bay took advantage of some mid-field mishandling by Thames Valley to gather the ball and send their wing over for another converted try.

The home side looked safe leading 29-10 with ten minutes to go and although Lafituanai scored a second try, converted by Stevens, it was a bridge too far and Poverty Bay deservedly won the match 29-17.

This was an example of a lowly ranked team having its best game of the season while their opponents failed to produce the good form that they had displayed in their previous games.

Pride and passion won over this lack of consistency. The final round sees Thames Valley play ninth-placed Horowhenua Kapiti at Te Aroha on Saturday. A win will see the Swamp Foxes hold on to third place and a loss could see them drop to fourth place and still be in the play-offs for the Meads Cup.

AIMS Games success

A Pārāwai School gymnast beamed and vaulted her way to success at this year's Zespri AIMS Games.

The national competition held at Tauranga attracted thousands of young sport stars and 11-year-old Sienna Moore won first place in the Artistic-Twisters-Girls gymnastics category on September 5.

Sienna, who was coached by Natasha Noble from Thames Gymsports Inc, scored 9.9 points in floor exercises, 9.9 in the beam and 9.25 in the vault.

Sienna's mother Paige Aitcheson said her daughter "couldn't believe" she had won against 58 other competitors who were aged between 11 and 13.

"When she finished she came and asked if we thought they made a mistake, no one was expecting it," she said.

Paige said Sienna also finished 8th in the Tumbling-Open Novice-Girls category on September 8 after competing in the Thames Valley Cross Country the day before.

"She is looking forward to competing again next year as a 12-year-old, and hoping to better herself to place higher in the tumbling division."

Paige also thanked Natasha for supporting Sienna at the games.



WI members donate goods to hospital

President Elaine Jolliffe welcomed six members to Kerepehi Women's Institute's September meeting. The aspirations were read and we had a minute's silence for Queen Elizabeth II, who had died recently. Our thought for the month was "thinking occurs when your mouth stays shut and your head keeps talking to itself". Our raffle was won by Marion van Eyk. Our roll call was cat food and 10 tins were given. Jan brought along her time capsule she had put together in 2005 which she found in a cupboard at home. It was full of photos and interesting things we had done. We were most interested in its contents. Bev Adamson was a delegate at our council meeting and reported on it. We did quite well, first in floral, 1st in Photo, Bev Adamson, 2nd Jan Edmonds; 1st annual scrapbook, 2nd Pickle, 2nd Handcraft Sewing, 3rd Potato Cuts. We got second overall. Today's competitions resulted in 34 sets of Baby Beans and Booties which along with nine crocheted cot blankets and 20 pairs of baby slippers and seven jumpers will be donated to Middlemore Hospital wool programme later this month. COMPETITIONS: Cup Cakes: 1st Bev Adamson, 2nd Carolyn Giles; Booties: 1st

Jan Edmonds, 2nd Bev Adamson, 3rd Carolyn Giles; Flowers: Bloom: 1st Marion van Eyk, 2nd Bev Adamson, 3rd Jan Edmonds; Spike: 1st Jan Edmonds, 2nd Elaine Jolliffe, 3rd Carolyn Giles; Shrub: 1st Marion van Eyk, 2nd Jan Edmonds, 3rd Carolyn Giles; Vegetable: 1st Marion van Eyk, 2nd Jan Edmonds, 3rd Carolyn Giles; Herb: 1st Elaine Jolliffe, 2nd Maion van Eyk, 3rd Jan Edmonds. Our next meeting will be at Kerepehi Bowling Club on October 11.

GOLDFIELDS WI

The September Meeting of the Goldfields Women's Institute commenced with the Aspiration and Prayer. Thoughts were given for our beloved Queen who passed away a few days earlier. The Motto – "Great Opportunities come to those who make use of small ones", was read by Kate Wood. The Roll Call – to bring along an interesting item, had members intrigued with a couple in particular – a decorated glove duster with red fingernails and pearls around the wrist area and two plastic cups, one of which still has titanium surrounding it, from second hip replacement operations. The Good Deed – tin or packet of cat food or bedding for

Animal Rescue resulted in a good amount to be donated. Our birthday lady this month was Anne Bicknell. During the month we looked after the Kitchen on Daffodil Day at St James Church, and was on the sales table at the Federation Bi Annual Meeting in Ngatea. There was another full table of knitting displayed as well as one member had made 40 calico dolls, which will be sent to the Children's Ward at Waikato Hospital. These dolls are for the children to understand where their operation will be and mark the place accordingly as well as give comfort to them. For our social time, we had a really great time recalling where we all were at the time of the Queen's visit in 1953 and any other occasions. It was rather ironic that four of the members all saw the Queen and Duke somewhere around the Otahuhu area. This concluded a very enjoyable meeting reminiscing and relaxing with each other. COMPETITIONS: Bloom – Sue Fah 1, Val Bowen 2, Helen Udy 3. Cluster Sue Fah 1, Helen Udy 2, Val Bowen 3. Shrub – Helen Udy 1, Sue Fah 2. Orchid – Helen Udy 1, Sue Fah 2, Val Bowen 3. Competition – Posy bowl of spring flowers – Sue Fah 1.



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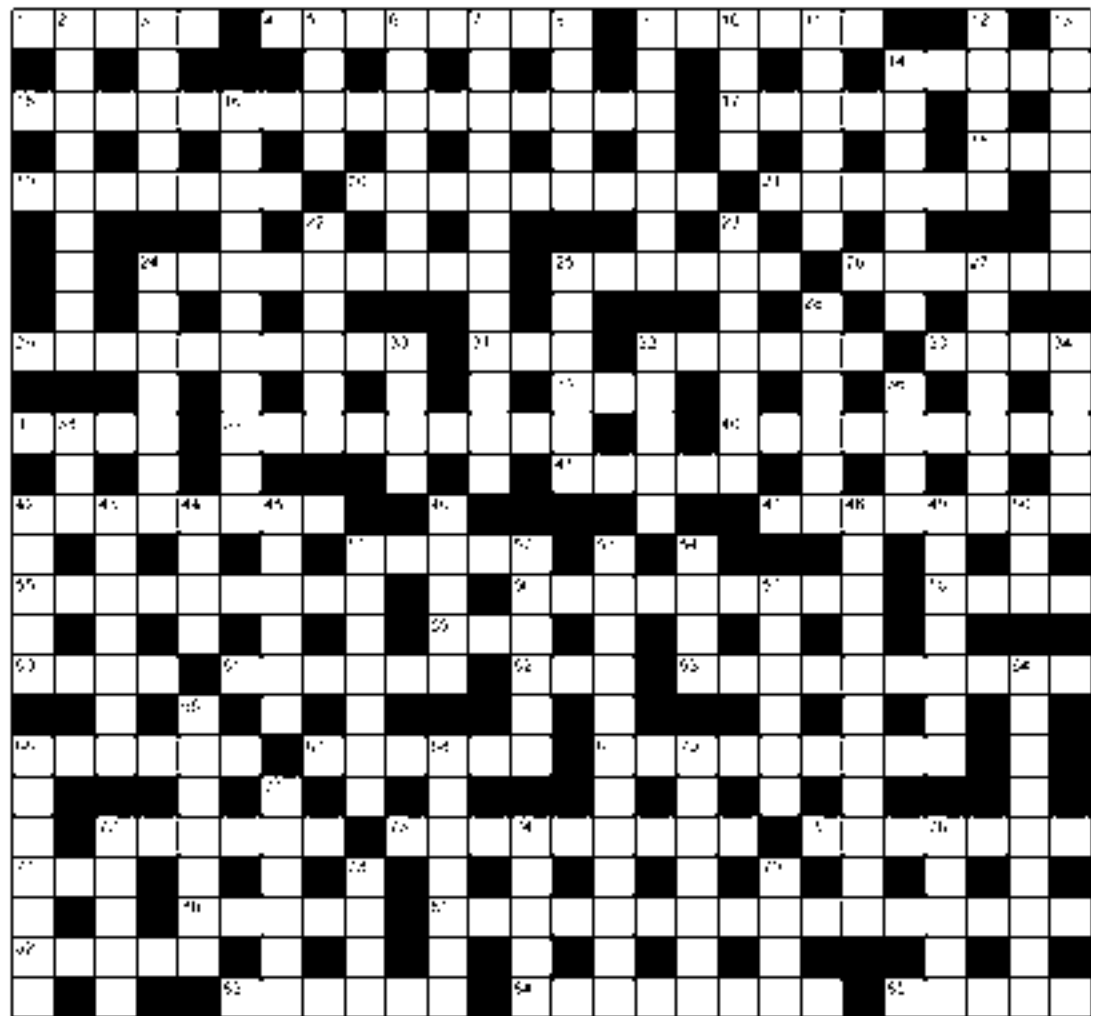
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EASY

JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
 1 Oak nut (5)
 4 Gathers (8)
 9 Make different (6)
 14 Fabric (5)
 15 Very cosy, comfortable (4,2,1,3,2,1,3)
 17 Keen (5)
 18 Impair (3)
 19 Literary works invented by the imagination (7)
 20 Size measurement in a particular direction (9)
 21 Muscular (6)
 24 Widespread, rife (9)
 25 Went hastily (6)
 26 Brownish red (6)
 29 Appeal (10)
 31 Curve (3)
 32 Insect's antenna (6)
 33 Young sheep (4)
 35 Small piercing tool (3)
 37 Knock (4)
 39 Not deciduous (9)
 40 Insect killer (9)
 41 Provoke (5)
 42 Example (8)
 47 Hiker's bag (8)
 51 Dance from Cuba (5)
 55 Yacht club president (9)
 56 Cleanse with germ-killer (9)
 58 Walking track (4)
 59 Male sheep (3)
 60 Mob violence (4)
 61 Fine-tune (6)
- DOWN**
 2 Sure of oneself (9)
 3 Correct (5)
 5 Globes (4)
 6 Soft brown coal (7)
 7 Focussed all one's mental effort on (12)
 8 Open skin infections (5)
 9 Fly larvae (7)
 10 Sword fight (4)
 11 Body shape (6)
 12 Spacious (5)
 13 Hone (7)
 14 Jemmy (7)
 16 Obscuring ruse (11)
 22 Extreme food shortage (6)
 23 Sale document (7)
- ACROSS**
 24 Low wall guarding a drop (7)
 25 Pour off into a smaller container (6)
 27 Small egg-shaped wind instrument (7)
 28 Class (6)
 30 Henpecks (4)
 32 Openly disregard (5)
 34 Snap (5)
 36 Hobble (4)
 38 Vase (3)
 42 Bring upon oneself (5)
 43 Legal writ (7)
 44 Sailor's shout (4)
 45 Overcast (6)
 46 Clever (5)
 48 Option (11)
 49 Highest in authority or rank (7)
 50 Small bed (3)
 51 Need (7)
 52 Look up to (6)
 53 Tastelessly showy (12)
 54 Early Peruvian (4)
 57 Breathe out (6)
 64 Called off (9)
 65 Drive back by force (7)
 66 Harmed (7)
 68 Turned red (7)
 70 Citrus hybrid (7)
 71 Contusion (6)
 72 Undress completely (5)
 74 A Dutch cheese (5)
 76 Wear away (5)
 78 Storyline (4)
 79 Horse-breeding farm (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Rainbow, 4 On the house, 9 Verbose, 13 Bank, 14 Belief, 15 Botany, 16 Aviator, 18 For, 20 Terra firma, 21 Anecdote, 22 Label, 25 Sinker, 26 Malice, 28 Springbok, 33 Impudent, 34 Convoy, 35 Incisor, 39 Addendum, 40 Unhurt, 41 Eden, 42 Petty, 43 Mushy, 46 Broad in the beam, 53 Steed, 56 Fizzy, 57 Asks, 58 Sleuth, 59 Staggers, 62 Outlast, 63 Sneeze, 64 Moisture, 67 Stratagem, 69 Petrol, 70 Savage, 74 Oasis, 75 Question, 77 Disorderly, 81 Gnu, 83 Develop, 84 Castle, 85 Points, 86 Edge, 87 Fortune, 88 Headstrong, 89 Lowered.

DOWN: 1 Robot, 2 Ignorant, 3 Weevil, 4 Opium, 5 Tiff, 6 Embrace, 7 Outset, 8 Synod, 10 Envy, 11 Bravado, 12 Showed, 17 Paper money, 19 Attic, 23 Listened, 24 Agent, 25 Sarcasm, 27 Axel, 29 Proverb, 30 Suburb, 31 Snatch, 32 Loathe, 34 Churn, 36 Inert, 37 Odds, 38 Beta, 44 Unique, 45 Hazel, 47 Rusk, 48 Absence, 49 Instep, 50 Theme, 51 Estimate, 52 Mutate, 53 Sugar daddy, 54 Ewer, 55 Dispute, 60 Usual, 61 Silo, 65 Value, 66 Labrador, 68 Trident, 69 Pungent, 71 Gazebo, 72 Wilted, 73 Hostel, 76 Stake, 78 Icing, 79 Yield, 80 Join, 82 Up to.

ENTERTAINMENT

Thames performance club tuned to open

By GORDON PREECE

Local entertainers of any age are encouraged to head along to a newly formed club to finely tune their performance skills.

The Far Out Folk Club is scheduled to hold its first session at The Backroom behind Lotus Realm in Thames on October 7 and musicians, dancers, comedians, poets, magicians, storytellers and other entertainers are invited to perform.

The public can also join the club if they wish to be a member of the audience.

Waiomu-based musician and club founder Dylan Wade told *The Profile* he came up with the initiative after discussing the idea with Lotus Realm manager Satyananda Cooney.

“Many years ago I started the Whitianga Music Club when I lived over there, and I have great memories of our band and other local artists having a platform where we could play each month. As a result, the music scene flourished over the years.

“I thought it would be good to have something that regularly happens [at The Backroom] because it’s a great intimate venue and there have been some really nice shows from a wide range of artists and groups since it opened,” he said.



Lena Rumble, left, Dylan Wade Lajunen, Kiva Clearwater and Malachi Te Kahurangi at The Backroom.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

“Lotus Realm is a great community space and the staff who work there are open to creative minded people who may have ideas to progress their careers and dreams.”

Dylan said the title of the club refers to the term “far out”, which was a popular expression made by hipsters in

the 60s and 70s when peace, love, flower power and equal rights were introduced to mainstream culture.

“The club is all about this... it’s a community event that’s supportive of different artists,” he said.

“I know we have a musicians club and also there’s an

acoustic musicians club as well, which does happen at the Backroom.

“But [Far Out Folk Club] gives people the experience of trying out their new material and maybe getting up for the first time on stage in front of a supportive audience in a venue that is specifically designed

for concerts.”

Dylan said the club would host an open stage session on the first Friday of each month from 7pm and it would run for at least two hours.

“We are running with the \$5 Friday theme, \$5 entry and also \$5 for alcohol-free drinks and \$5 tasty nibbles.”

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