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# Young actor's starring role

A film adaptation of a harrowing tragedy will be led by one of Hauraki's future stars. KELLEY TANTAU reports

A rleearna Drake is one of the main cast members in *Gulf 1 - The Voyage*, a harrowing true story of the ill-fated voyage of a livestock carrier which sank in the waters near Japan in September, 2020, during Typhoon Maysak.

There were 43 crew and almost 6000 cattle on the vessel, named *Gulf Livestock*, which had departed Napier several weeks earlier on August 14. Two New Zealanders were among the 41 people believed to have died.

The yet-to-be-released film was written and directed by Te Aroha woman Carlie Mascelle, and filmed around the local area.

Arleearna's scenes have been filmed around Waihī and Waihī Beach, and the 11-year-old said she has enjoyed every moment.

"Since this is my first movie, I was quite scared but Carlie is very lovely, and if I get any lines wrong, she understands," she told *The Profile*.

"I've always wanted to do movies, and this one has made me excited to put myself out there more."

Arleearna, who also goes by her nickname Arna, has worked as an extra in films before, and has modelled on runways and for international magazines.

Her mum, Leanne, got in touch with Gulf 1's director after seeing a post calling out for interested actors. However, when she made contact, she was told there were no children written into the original script.

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Thank you Valley Profile for following up on the Waihi Retirement Village's shocking rate increases (Valley Profile November 2, P3). And the news that in sheer desperation, myself and Dawn Sinclair are refusing to pay this increase.

I am unable to afford to pay these unfair rates and I could lose my home here at Waihi Lifecare. I have always paid my rates which I understood covered the use of town facilities. It seems that suddenly we are being accused of not paying for town facilities. We don't even own the land here.

I am disappointed that Hauraki District Council used the *Profile* article as a platform for threats to residents if they are not able to pay, at the same time appearing to soften the blow by offering to help pay at a rate we can manage, even though I cannot pay this large crippling unexpected Increase.

We trusted the council to adjust/adapt the rates to the unique nature of retirement villages. It is not a living situation that companies offering equity in home properties will even consider. Residents do not even own the land in villages.

- Vivienne Harper, Waihi

#### **COUNCIL RESPONSE**

Thank you for allowing right of reply to this letter. We have received feedback from the Department of Internal Affairs and the Retirement Village Residence Association, as well as legal advice. Fair payment for all council services and activities is something our communities have been asking for, and is something they

We understand that the change has been hard on some residents and encourage them to contact us and work on a payment plan that suits. Penalties and debt collection are a last resort, and we would rather our ratepayers who are struggling come to us before penalties are added or non-payment results in debt collection. It is important to us that people to feel safe and secure in their own homes. We encourage Dawn and Vivian to come and talk to us, and find a solution that works for them.

Duncan Peddie, Group Manager Business Support, Hauraki District Council



Arleearna on set with her on-screen Nana.

Photo: ROGER WHITEFIELD

# ead role for Arleearna

#### **CONTINUED FROM P1**

About a month later, Arleearna was asked to come on board as an extra. Then, Carlie altered the direction of the film and said she'd like Arleearna to be one of the main leads.

Arleearna said she was "nervous but more excited" when she heard the news.

The film definitely shows a lot of her character, in places. Sassy, but also very caring and down-to-earth and an animal ' Leanne said.

"The whole film, when we read the script, I was like: 'This is Arna to a tee'."

In light of the 2020 tragedy, the government decided in September to ban livestock exports by sea from April next vear. Leanne said that in showcasing the true story, Arleearna learned about the history and, as an animal lover herself with a goal to open a horse sanctuary,

there were some "heartfelt" scenes

Some of it for Arna will be quite easy the emotions with the animals - but we don't go too much into it and just feel it on the day," she said. "Sometimes if you do too much and

overthink it, then you can't quite get the emotion.

Arleearna said it was a film she hoped people would see when it was released in April, next year. "I'm super proud of her because she can act shy or quiet or be in herself, and then it doesn't matter whether it's her magazine covers or her fashion catwalks, as soon as she is in the moment, she just switches and it's like

game on. Job done," Leanne said.
"When I do it, I feel like I have a job to 'Arleearna added, "so I try to do it the best I can do.'





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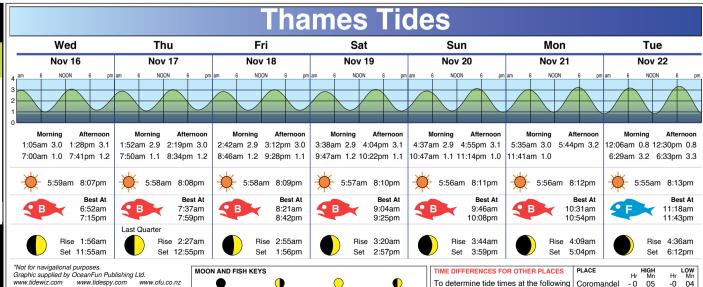
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Not So Good

# Driving test wait times slashed

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

Alocal driving instructor is "ecstatic" that wait times to sit driving tests in Thames have been reduced from three months to a maximum of two weeks.

Gavin Buchanan, owner of Thames Driver Training, said long wait times caused by staffing shortages and the Covid-19 pandemic had not only been unfair on learners, but costly, too.

"It's brilliant because students now book a test and say a week, two weeks later, they'll go out and pass it. Before, they'd have to come back to me for a lesson," he said.

"Sure, I was making money, but it wasn't money I wanted to make because I'd have to squeeze them in after hours or on the weekends. But now they're going to sit their test and they're passing."

Back in August, 2021, VTNZ told *The Profile* that time spent in alert levels 3 and 4 across the country during the Covid-19 lockdown had resulted in a backlog of more than 42,000 driver tests nationwide.

In January this year, they again reiterated the "surge in demand" after each lockdown period throughout 2020 and



Driving instructor Gavin Buchanan is "ecstatic" that wait times to sit driving tests in Thames have been reduced.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

2021. In addition, the provider was also experiencing a summer peak in demand.

But since the appointment of a second driving testing officer (DTO) in Thames earlier this year, Gavin said students were now getting what they'd been missing out on.

He also had a hunch that the

pass rate among test takers had improved.

"My gut feeling is that the pass rate has gone up because students can book their test when they're ready and don't have to wait," he said.

"When they do have to wait two-three months, their driving goes backwards, and that's why they were coming back to get an extra lesson or two. So, this has made it easier for everyone. I'm really delighted that something's been done about it."

VTNZ's national technical manager Craig Basher also said he was delighted that the introduction of a second DTO in Thames was making a positive impact on the community.

He said the wait times during and post-Covid peaked at 90 days, and now the wait for someone to sit their practical restricted or full class 1 licence was measured in days rather than months.

This also had a positive impact on wait times for those sitting their heavy vehicle licence.

However, statistics for pass and fail rates in the Thames Valley area since the appointment of the second testing officer could not be obtained by *The Profile*. VTNZ said the statistics were held by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, which did not respond to VTNZ before deadline.





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We are now recruiting to increase the number of our volunteers who provide support at the Emergency Department and the wards at Thames Hopsital.

To find out more about these programmes, please contact Lesley Young at lesley.young@stjohn.org.nz or 027 632 3115

#### **Hato Hone St John Therepy Pets.**

Our popular Therapy Pets Reading Education Assistance Dogs programme is running from the Thames Library every Wednesday morning. Our generous volunteers and their fluffy friends, Moriarty and Dash, donate their time offering close contact with our canine friends which can reduce anxiety for school children who are afraid of reading aloud. This helps them become relaxed and get more involved in learning.

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# Planning ahead for summer

**WATER** 

Summer is just around the corner, and with summer comes dry spells. Although we have had a good amount of rain and our reservoirs are looking full, we still need to watch what we use.

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Saving H2O is the way to go. We need everyone to save a little now so there will be enough for everyone over the summer.

#### Water Saving Tips

Here are a few water saving tips that can make a difference.

#### In the house:

- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving. Leaving the tap trickling with water wastes about five litres a minute.
- Install an aerator or flow restrictor on sink or basin taps.
- Installing a low-flow showerhead can save the average household 1,000 litres of water per week – and save energy costs, too.
- Spend less time in the shower it may be longer than you think. Twenty-five percent of water use at home is for showers and baths, so there can be big water savings here.
- When washing clothes, run full loads in the washing machine or be sure to set controls for a partial load if you are doing less.

Keep an eye out for leaks

While we do leak checks, we can't be everywhere. If you spot a suspicious puddle, geyser, or patches of green grass amongst the dry grass, we'd appreciate it if you let us know.

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Did you know? Using the half-flush on the toilet when appropriate will save about 5,000 litres of water per person each year. To reduce water use in old, single-flush toilets, install an simple, inexpensive water-saving device.

#### In the garden:

- Check your garden hose regularly for leaks.
   Store it on a reel to prevent kinking and damage.
- If you water the garden, do it in the evening or in the early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Put a trigger nozzle on the garden hose to shut off the water when you don't need it - a hose left running can waste up to 15 litres a minute.

For more water saving tips go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/water/smartwateruse

# Remember to Flush out your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

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# Safe Digging Month

November is safe digging month which is supported by **beforeUdig** and the utilities that use the service to provide maps and safety information on the location of their underground services.

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# ull steam ahead

streets between November 10 and 13 for Steampunk the Thames' Circuspunk festival in Thames. Steampunk is a sub-genre of science fiction which often incorporates an alternate, futuristic version of 19th century Victorian. Reporter GORDON PREECE headed along to capture the festivities.



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Blacksmith and geology attractions open

**By GORDON PREECE** 

A spark of history and education is now open for the public at Thames Goldmine Experience as part of ongoing development of the popular tourist attraction.

The new blacksmith shop and geology display were officially opened on November 12 after three and a half years of "hard and heavy work" by volunteers.

Thames Goldmine Experience president Alan Young told The Profile the new attractions were a "really great achievement" and would deliver history and education of what Thames was like between 1860 and 1880 to the centre's 20,000 annual visitors

We decided to have a blacksmith shop because most of the mines had a blacksmith shop and actually needed a blacksmith shop for the sharpening and forging of all their tools, he said.

"[The geology display] has graphics on the wall explaining how certain rocks are formed, the structures of certain areas, volcanic activity and we have samples on the wall in appropriate places.

'We have about 2500 school kids come through here on organised trips so it's a good study and reference point for them.'

Alan said the blacksmith shop would also include blacksmith-



President Alan Young inside the new Thames Golmine Experience geology display, which opened on November 12.

ing classes, and the geology display, located in the old morgue building, would have rock saws and rock polishing equipment for visitors to use.

"There's also ongoing work to get a steam driven power hammer installed, and furnaces and forges," he said.

"I expect visitors to be able to go away and say it has satisfied their curiosity and hopefully they spread the word, because a lot of people in New Zealand have a huge connection to Thames.'

Alan said the project experienced rocky delays due to Covid-19. Project costs were paid for by volunteers and tourist entry fees and a lot of the materials had "fallen off the back of

"We don't have a real cost but I would think if you were to build a building like this today through a construction company, you would be up for \$500,000," he said.

"We also had to mill some timber ourselves because we couldn't go to Placemakers and buy big timber.

"We would like to thank every volunteer for all their hard work and hopefully we can beat out any anxieties or bad omens with the blacksmith shop.'

The grand opening was attended by Thames-Coromandel Mayor Len Salt, councillors, A&G Price staff and volunteers and friends of Thames Goldmine Experience.

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This means applications received after the 'clock has stopped' on Monday 19 December 2022, may not be processed until Wednesday 11 January 2023.

Current applications that are not signed off by Council before Monday 19 December 2022 may also be paused until Wednesday 11 January 2023.

There are a few things you can do to plan

- When submitting new applications make sure you've included everything as we can't accept incomplete applications.
- Book a free appointment with our Duty Planner and Building Officer as soon as possible.
- If your application is affected by the statutory shutdown period, let your agent or builders know to expect a

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If you want a LIM report before Christmas, we'll need your application by:

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- 9am Wednesday 14 December 2022 for an Urgent LIM (2-3 working days).

We will still accept LIM applications after these dates but there is no guarantee that a LIM report will be issued before Christmas.

#### **Buildings** inspections

There will be no building inspections from 12pm, Friday 23 December 2022 until Monday 9 January 2023.

#### Find out more

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www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/building or www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/resource-

# Perfect' new role for gallery owner

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

familiar face in the local Aarts scene has become the new chair of Creative Coromandel

Fiona Cameron, who has owned the giftware store and gallery Bounty on Thames' main street for 14 years, is now the chair of the He Mana Toi Moehau Trust - also known as Creative Coromandel.

She was given a tap on the shoulder by the charitable trust's outgoing chair Len Salt, who became Mayor of Thames-Coromandel following October's local body elections.

During the same campaign, Fiona threw her hat into the ring for the Thames Community Board.

Missing out on a seat by just 33 votes, Fiona told The Profile the opportunity to be the trust's new chair was a "silver

lining".
"I feel really honoured that Len put my name forward and saw this in me, that I could be that voice," she said.

"This definitely has been a silver lining. Because I want to work in a governance role within the arts sector, being chair of Creative Coromandel is putting me in a position where I can advocate for the arts - an industry that I'm passionate about and have been



Fiona Cameron is the new chair of Creative Coromandel.

involved with for more than 27 vears.

In 2015, driven by the Thames-Coromandel arts sector, a district-wide arts strategy was created through consultation with artists, art leaders, and arts groups to develop, promote, and sustain local artists and arts activities.

In 2016, an arts and creative industries strategy was adopted by the district council, and an advisory board - which became Creative Coromandel - was formed to implement it.

Fiona said the new voluntary role was "perfect" for her because it was "all about promoting the arts and valuing the creative industries in the Coromandel".

"I have strong roots in this community, and being chair means I'll be doing what I have been doing in my professional career in the arts, but doing it on a bigger scale for the wellbe-

ing of more," she said.

There's some really exciting collaborative funding opportunities that Creative Coromandel is looking at, and if we get that funding, it will enrich the lives of all in the Coromandel-Hauraki rohe.

The trust's district arts manager Jan Wright was chair of the founding board from 2016 to 2021.

She said was "deeply heartened" to see the governance of

66Being chair of Creative **Coromandel is putting** me in a position where I can advocate for the arts - an industry that I'm passionate about."

- Fiona Cameron

He Mana Toi Moehau Trust move into the capable hands of several new trustees, whilst retaining several of its founding trustees. "Our team is now a perfect mix of experience and fresh energy, and I am very excited that Fiona has agreed to take on the chair role," she told The Profile.

Working with Fiona in the last couple of weeks, I have seen the great knowledge and passion that she has for the arts, and I am loving her drive and enthusiasm; it augurs well for the arts on the Coromandel.

Creative Coromandel has a Thames "mix and mingle" coming up on Tuesday, November 29, to be held at The GBD on Pollen St, from 5pm-7pm.

Fiona said it was an invitation for people to come along and meet her and other trustees, and learn about the trust. DETAILS: RSVP to Fiona at chair. creativecoromandel@amail.com



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# Good Onya, Hauraki

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

oung sportspeople, a graf-Young sportspeople, a star fitti remover, and a gift box operator were among the 13 recipients of Hauraki District Council's Onya Awards, presented last week.

Previously named the Citizen and Young Achiever Awards, the Onya's are the district council's annual evening in which members of the community are acknowledged and celebrated for their achievements, as well as the positive difference they have made within their communities.

Mayor Toby Adams told the crowd inside the Paeroa War Memorial Hall that the awards were one of the highlights of his year.

"Look at all these amazing people we've got out there in the district... absolutely outstanding," he said. "Some of us in our communities would walk

through that everyday and not realise all the good stuff that's happening from people behind the scenes."

There are five categories of the Onya Awards: an individual and a group award for service to the community; an award for service or achievement in sport or recreation, as well as an award for service or achievement in arts or culture; and finally, the tu meke award "for going above and beyond".

The 13 recipients from across the district were, for sport: Te Au Pounamu Warren; Ania Ballantine; Abigail Cox; and Josey Hansen; for community: Raymond Jenkinson; Jared Sewell; Divyash Swamy; Tina Wright; Janice Purdie; Peter Young; Hamish Buchanan; and the tu meke award recipients were Krishna Buckman and Gill Leonard.





Tu Meke recipient Gill Leonard.



Tu Meke recipient Krishna Buckman.



Paeroa's Raymond Jenkinson was acknowledged.



Paeroa College's four Onya recipients.



Abigail Cox recieved her Onya award for her contribution to sports.

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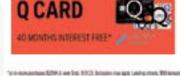
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# Gypsy Cob colt born at Bullswool

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

Ablue-eyed Gypsy Cob has been born to Gentle Annie and The Vicar at Bullswool Heritage Farm in the Karangahake.

For the better part of two weeks, the young colt has been sleeping, which his owner Sue Austen said was a good sign.

"He's very playful and he's very curious and he sleeps an enor-mous amount. When they sleep, they grow, so he's going to be big. He's going to be an absolute whopper."

The birth of the foal on October 31 brings the number of Gyp-sy Cobs living at the farm park to seven, and the unique breed of horse has been admired by Sue and her mum Jan for a decade.

"When I was a teenager, I used to horse deal to earn money," Sue told *The Profile*. "I'd buy horses and train them up and sell them on," she said. "I used to do really well with quiet kids' ponies, and I also used to sell ex-race horses."
Sue would get enquiries from

novice riders interested in buying her thoroughbreds, and soon found there was a real need for

nice, easy and fun".

"And that was just going to be your best mate... like a kid's

pony."

The Gypsy Cob, also known as an Irish Cob, Gypsy Horse, or Tinker Horse, is a breed of domestic horse from Great Britain and Ireland, and Sue soon discovered they were the perfect

breed to fit the bill.

"They're a small draft breed, and they're the horses gypsies used to pull their vargos," she explained, "and Gypsy Cobs are unique in a couple of ways. The

flight reaction, which is inherent in most horses, has pretty much been bred out of them, so if something frightens them, they tend to engage with it and get curious.

"Also, they have a really strong connection to humans. The gypconnection to numans. The gyp-sies see you as two-legged mem-bers of their herd," she said. "They're very loving, affection-ate horses that really want to be

around their people."

After travelling overseas and encountering the unique breed, Sue arrived back in New Zealand and talked to her mum about the

idea to import them, because there were so few in the country at the time.

The first Gypsy Cob she imported was The Vicar - who arrived in Paeroa from the United

States around 10 years ago.
At the farm park there is also a second stallion, a gelding, a mare called Good Penny, and her daughter Good Faith.

The birth of the unnamed colt is the fifth foal of Gentle An-nie, who is named after a Celtic goddess of fertility. She stands around 15.1 hands high and is CONTINUED P11

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homozygous for colour, meaning that no matter who the stallion is, every foal of Gentle Annie's will be broken-coloured like her.

Sue said the birth was always a stressful time.

"You just want your mare to get through it and be okay. Annie is really maternal so to lose a foal... you just really feel for the mares.

"You want them to be safe."

Now that mum and foal have settled in, Sue said the young colt will join the other Gypsy Cobs in the top paddocks, away but still visible to the farm park's guests.

"We want the foals to be actual horses and learn herd behaviour," she said.

"He'll be in the farm park for a couple of weeks, and then he's going to go off and learn how to be a horse."







LEFT: A blue-eyed foal has been born to purebred Gypsy Cob mare Gentle Annie and stallion The Vicar at Bullswool Heritage Farm in the Karangahake Gorge.

ABOVE: Breeder Sue Austen and one of her Gypsy Cob stallions.

RIGHT: The Gypsy Cob stallions, with the foal's sire, The Vicar, on the left.

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# Rural Life

# Prevent heatstroke in dogs as summer nears



By Dr Asse Bosch BVSc BSc

We are all looking forward to summer so we can enjoy the outdoors again with family, friends and our

Last summer the average day temperature in the Wai-

kato from December, 2021, to February, 2022, was 23-25 degrees celsius, but it appears that the weather patterns are changing. Europe had massive heatwaves in the last months, with temperatures in the high thirties and even lower forties, and heatstroke in people and pets has been of great concern. Heatstroke can occur when the outside temperature rises with no way of cooling down.

In New Zealand, we mostly see heatstroke in dogs that have been left in locked cars while the owner quickly has gone to the shop to get 'just a few things'.

It is quite sobering to see how quickly the temperature rises inside a locked car over a short amount of time. If it is 23.9 degrees outside, and your shopping took a bit longer because of waiting at the checkout or unexpectedly catching up with someone, you'll find the temperature in your car after 30 minutes is now almost 43 degrees.

If we hit warmer weather and it is 30 degrees outside, the car would be over 48 degrees in that same amount of time.

Dogs can also get heatstroke from strenuous exercise or activity, such as hiking, hunting and jogging, or as a result of seizures caused by toxins or epilepsy. Dogs are even more at risk

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of overheating if they have a short nose, such as pugs and English Bulldogs, are overweight, have a thick coat, are very young or old, or have breathing conditions

#### What does a dog with heatstroke look like?

Dogs may initially appear stressed and they may be unsteady on their feet. They will be panting and or drooling. The gums may be bluish or very red, some may get bloody diarrhoea or vomit. This may be followed by lethargy and collapse, progressing into seizures, coma and ultimately death. Body temperatures over 42.5 degrees are

#### How to help my overheated dog?

If your dog appears to be severely overheated, you can start cooling your dog down on the way to a vet clinic. Pour cool or lukewarm water over the groin, neck and armpits. Don't use cold or iced water as this will constrict blood vessels and delay the cooling process. Offer cool drinking water and use car vents or fans to blow air on the

#### How to minimize the chance of heatstroke?

Do not take your dog if he/she is going to be left alone in the car with locked windows. You can keep your car cooler by parking your car in the shade, using reflective sun shades in your windscreens, keep the windows and or sunroof partly open to get air circulating and install a solar-powered window fan to draw outside air into the car.

Walk dogs early in the morning or later in the evening, which will also prevent burned footpads, and avoid strenuous exercise. Groom hairy dogs to remove excess fur, and carry cold water and a collapsible bowl on walks. Use cooling mats in baskets and cooling vests on walks and make frozen treats.

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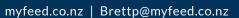
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# Cranking up in Kaihere

Hauraki Vintage and Machinery Club hosted its annual Crank Up at Kaihere Domain on November 6 with tractors, trucks, and drag saws on display. Spokesperson Lorraine Williams said the event had the "best" community response and said the event was well attended. The event also celebrated 75 years of Farmall Cub tractors, which were introduced in 1947 to replace horses on the very smallest of farms.



Keith Barriball, left, John Haakma, Brendon Adams and Robin Hill.

Farmall Cub tractors line up.



Bill Darbyshire homeward bound on his Farmall B tractor.





Ben Harris operates a kids ride with a Farmall Fairway tractor.

# Olympic rower to speak

#### By GORDON PREECE

A two-time Olympic gold medallist will present how he deals with pressure to farmers at a P3 Dairy Trust speaker series event on November 24.

Trustee John Garrett told

Trustee John Garrett told *The Profile* the trust, which helps drive success for the Hauraki Plains dairy sector, holds a speaker series annually and Mahe Drysdale was this year's pick.

"It's about getting people off farm and hopefully they can get something out of Mahe and his strengths and put that into their farm or life in general," he said.

"He's been through the sport for many years and I think a lot of farmers could relate to him with the pressures of farming because rowing has a fair bit of pressure.

farming because rowing has a fair bit of pressure.

"There's also life after farming as well and that's what Mahe is doing now which is life after rowing so how he deals with that, we would like to hear about that."

John said the free event would be held at Ngātea War Memorial Hall from 7pm and non-farmers were also welcomed.



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# Beach Hop warm up heads to Waihī

Waihī is gearing up for its Warm Up Party for the 2022 Beach Hop, which will bring classic cars and hot rods, as well as the infamous "undie 500" race to the town centre.

The event will be held on Wednesday, November 23, and the chairman of Go Waihī - who is organising the party - said excitement was beginning to brew.

"This event is all about

"This event is all about having fun, and, as always, we've got plenty to offer," Max McLean said.

"We're making sure there's lots of entertainment for everyone, too. Waihī East and Central schools will open the day with a kapa haka performance, welcoming the cars once they've arrived, and we'll have bands performing throughout the day, with lots of rock 'n roll music and dancing."

ing."
There will also be more than 50 stalls selling everything from bric-a-brac, collectables, local produce, and food, as well as a 'best dressed' fashion show.

The Undie 500 - a relay race where teams of three dress up in oftentimes humorous garb - will take place at 12.30, with the winners sharing in a \$200 cash prize.

Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams said he was looking forward to taking part in the day's activities.

ties.
"If you love the sound of a V8 engine, the curves of a classic car, a 50s fashion silhouette, or good old fashioned



The Undie 500 race will feature at the event. File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

rock 'n' roll, then you won't want to miss this brilliant event. I love the atmosphere and the energy it brings to Waihī, with the whole town out enjoying the spectacle.

"So whether you're a Danny

"So whether you're a Danny or Sandy fan, remember, this year 'Grease is the word'."

To support Waihī's local businesses, The Beach Hop team will also be running their Shop and Win promotion. Anyone who spends \$20 or more at a local shop can go into the draw to win a 50-inch Panasonic TV. The lucky prize-winner will be drawn by

Beach Hop Organiser Noddy Watts during prize-giving, and the winner must be there to claim their brand new TV at the time.

DETAILS: The Repco Beach Hop Warm Up Party rundown: 10am: Cars will start pulling in to Waihī from Whangamatā; 10:50am: kapa haka from local schools; 12.30pm: Undie 500; 1.30pm: fashion show; 2pm: prize-giving. Entry forms for Mitre 10 Undie 500 or Best Dressed Fashion Show available on the day at the Go Waihi tent by the Memorial Hall and from roving ambassadors in the crowd.

# Clay art exhibition open

By GORDON PREECE

New Zealand forest and beach-themed clay artworks will be on display at Paeroa Society of Arts until the end of November.

Paeroa artist Tena Blundell, who has been a member of the Normanby Rd gallery for six years, told *The Profile* her clay artworks stemmed from her lifelong painting passion.

"Right from when I was little I've always loved painting and it's really nice to use a different medium which is Papatūānuku, the clay, mother earth and I believe it's very healing," she said. "I bought my own kiln for my

"I bought my own kiln for my studio at home and that's where I make my creations and I can spend hours in there.

"Sometimes [the artworks] can be political around women's

issues and women's rights, and my children and grandchildren inspire me as well, but really it's nature - I love birds and animals."

Tena, who also sells her artwork at Mikkelsen Gallery in Paeroa and Bounty Store in Thames, said her art philosophy was "you've never arrived as an artist".

"The thing with pottery is the colours are totally different to what you put on compared to how they look when they're fired," she said.

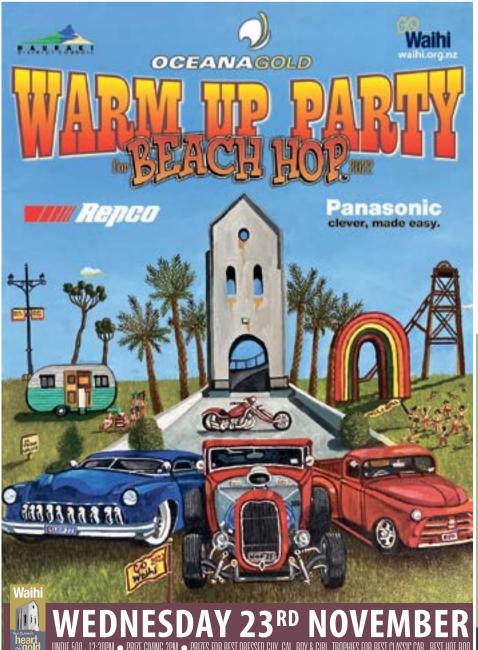
"There's also a lot to learn with the glazes and it's an exciting process to open the kiln and see what's happened in it."

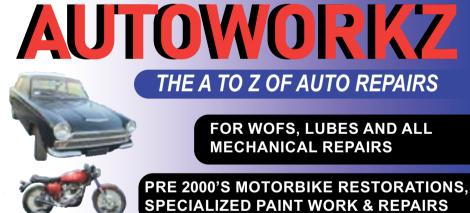
Tena said she had received "positive feedback" from the public towards her artworks and hoped it continued for the remainder of her exhibition.

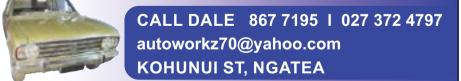


Tena Blundell with her clay artworks.

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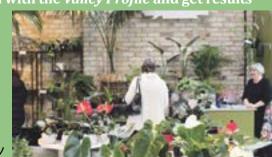


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# Welcome to new elected members

Thames' newly elected members have been sworn in at an official ceremony to mark their new term of office.

"Today is the beginning, and I for one, can't wait to get started," Mayor Len told the gathering.

Thames' four Community Board members and three Ward Councillors are looking forward to the inaugural meeting of the Thames Community Board on Wednesday 23 November.



Meeting agendas are posted at least two working days before meetings on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings. Video recordings of meetings are uploaded to this page after every meeting. To speak at the public forum, register your interest with governance.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Left: Thames Community Board member Kishan Raikwar makes his official declaration in front of Mayor Len Salt, wearing his new kākahu gifted to him in office.

#### **BEACH HOP ROAD CLOSURES**

Pollen Street will be closed between Willoughby Street and Cochrane Street on Thursday 24 November from 7.30am to 3pm. beachhop.co.nz



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#### **Pollen Street services**

Preparatory work for the upgrade of underground infrastructure on Pollen Street and connecting side streets is underway with a survey of the road and underground services using ground-penetrating radar.

The main part of the physical work is not expected to start until after June 2023 and will be carried out on a staged basis. There will be stakeholder meetings well ahead of the construction so we can talk through the proposed work programme and get feedback from businesses and the community.

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Have your say from 28 October until 2 December, at **tcdc.govt.nz/dogsreview** or fill in a submission form at Council offices and libraries.

#### Kōpū Marine Precinct update

Work is well underway on the Kōpū Marine Precinct project. The main access to the commercial wharf, commercial slipway and recreational boat ramp – King Street – has now been formed. A pad for the construction crane is underway. Fencing has been erected to protect a pair of nesting banded rail birds found in the area.

The marine infrastructure works are scheduled to begin in March 2023. The target date for the opening of the whole precinct is May 2024.



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We're reviewing our Activities in Public Places Bylaw, the main method that our Council uses to oversee activities in public places. It covers activities like busking, outdoor dining on a footpath, damage to public places and Council property. Have your say on how public places should be managed from 28 October until 2 December.

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# Dust plagues Hauraki towns



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

#### 1898

The first street lamp in Paeroa, situated on the corner opposite the Criterion Hotel, was lit up by gas. The lamp was a lofty one, containing an incandescent burner of 70 candle power. The County Council intended to have several of these lights erected at convenient points about the town.

Paeroa was at times particularly unpleasant on account of the fearful amount of dust which blew in every direction through the town. Business people were often obliged to keep their shop doors closed.

Dust also plagued Waihī where yellow drifts of it blew in heavy thick clouds on the slightest pretext, such as the passing of a vehicle, choking unfortunate passengers. It was suggested this nuisance would be removed by a good road, making Waihī more beautiful to look at and more endurable to live in. One wit suggested that if some device could be contrived to regulate the wind, which nearly always blew violently, life will be



Paeroa in 1895.

affairs.

nearly worth living there. Waihī in the past had achieved considerable notoriety on account of the drink-loving propensities of its inhabitants. There was more drink consumed there at one time than in any other town of equal size in New Zealand. It was said that the continual inhalation of large quantities of dust was responsible for this state of

Thames dust, though, was the worst, being caused by the Hematite and Varnish Works. Residents of Broad and Campbell Streets petitioned the council to have the works removed as they could not live with the red dust and stench caused by it. The stink made the women feel sick, and in the daytime the smell was something dreadful. People went round the front street—out of their way— rather than smell the varnish. A long revolving pipe on the works sent dust up the chimney as well as flames which scorched nearby trees. There were fears houses would catch fire. Hematite was gathered off verandahs, win-

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dows were kept closed and books had to be covered with cloths to protect them. The owner of the varnish works had been warned before he opened that wherever such works had been erected in a town in other parts of the world they had been a menace and had had to be removed. If the nuisance were allowed to continue residents would have to leave. The owner was advised either to condense the smoke and dust or to remove the works altogether. Despite calling these works a local industry, it was thought inappropriate that one man should become rich at the expense of others.

others.

At Turua school, the children of the sixth standard had a lesson on the various meanings attached to such words as "intensity", which they were told sometimes meant depth, as "depth of feeling" or "intensity of feeling". They were then told to write sentences containing the words illustrated. One pupil wrote: "A boy went in for a swim and got out of his intensity and was drowned".

# **Armistice Day marked**

**By GORDON PREECE** 

Around 20 people gathered at Thames Civic Centre to commemorate Armistice Day on November 11, despite wild weather.

The event, which took place at 11am, was one of many to take place around the region to mark the 104th anniversary of the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front in 1918 with the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I

The commemorations were led by Thames Senior Constable Brian Connors and included a prayer by Reverend Brendon Wilkinson, a wreath laying by Thames RSA welfare officer Dianne Snow, and a lowering of the flag by Thames RSA committee member Paul Moir while *The Last Post* was played.

Thames RSA president Ken Last-Harris recited the *Ode of Remembrance* before telling the crowd it was important to remember those who passed away in World War I.

"We must remember them every year, and I feel it is important to also let you know that out at Rhodes Park there's a plantation of 320 pohutukawa trees that have been planted there in remembrance of those who lost their lives in this great war," he said.

"I think it's fitting that every time you go past you should feel a little peace in your heart for those who lost their lives.

"We will remember them."



Thames RSA president Ken Last-Harris, centre, recites the *Ode of Remembrance*.

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Five-year-old boys set off on their race.

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Five-year-old Esther Wickham prepares to throw the softball.





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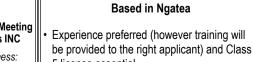
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L D Cavers Chief Executive Hauraki District Council

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Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki Hui ā-Tau - Annual General Meeting

Friday 2nd December 2022, 10:00am Whare Awhina, 210 Richmond Street, Thames

#### Agenda

- Welcome
- **Apologies**
- Minutes of the Last Meeting
- Items
- Chairman's Report
- CEO Report
- Financial Report
- Proposed Alterations to the Rules
- General Business

Detail of Proposed Alterations to the Rules are available on our website www.korowai.co.nz or at https://tinyurl.com/3bt6zad2

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#### **GOLDFIELDS WI**

The October Meeting of the Goldfields Women's Institute commenced with the aspiration and prayer. Thoughts were for any member that has not been so well during the month. The motto: "Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in

garden", was read by Dot The roll call was: Your teenage everyone's McHardy. hairstyle was interesting, from the way out to the very conservative styles. The good deed – toothbrushes, combs, tissues and razor to fill our toilet bags for Thames Hospital, which resulted in 36 items being donated. Our birthday girl this month was Jean Brady and raffles were won by Carole Bridle and Helen Udy. There was another amazing display of knitting and sewing that has been done since the last meeting. Two boxes of rugs and twiddlemuffs have been delivered to The Booms Rest Home and two boxes of baby knitting delivered to the Thames Birthing Unit during the month. A discussion was held regarding the Federation Over 80's & Officers Luncheon held on October 25 in Ngatea with six members attending. Our speaker for the day was Sue Fah, who displayed a selection of outdoor sculptures she makes from all sorts of recycled materials that she can find. Sue made each of the members a flower from wire and the petals from bits taken from old washing machines and dishwashers. Sue has an amazing talent for any kind of crafts that she undertakes and all the members were fascinated with what she has produced. If anyone is interested in joining our very friendly group, please contact Helen, 868 8984.

COMPETITION: Bloom: Sue Fah 1, Val Bowen 2, Helen Udy 3. Cluster: Sue Fah 1, Val Bowen 2, Helen Udy 3. Shrub: Sue Fah , Helen Udy 2. Orchid: Helen Udy 1, Sue Fah 2, Val Bowen 3. Competition: Uncooked Slice: Sue Fah 1.

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# Win for Hauraki First X1

Although a number of 'soft' dismissals were evident in the Hauraki Plains College senior First XI cricket's top order batting, solid rather than dominant contributions from five other players helped the team to eventual success against Hillcrest High School on Saturday.

In spite of unhelpful weather conditions leading into the weekend, their conscientious groundsman Ian Clark once again provided beautifullygroomed fields for both Hauraki teams to host appreciative Hamilton based cricketers from both Hamilton Boys High School (Colts Grade) as well as the senior (Hillcrest) division team.

Hauraki batted first against Hillcrest but with six players accumulating less than ten runs between them, the side was in danger of being dismissed inside 30 overs for a disappointing total. Two of the team's less experienced players, Jaxon Haskell and Andy Rogers, came together in a 40-run partnership for the tenth wicket which, proved to be the difference between the two teams by the end of the match.

Both players waited for the right ball to attack and gradually the momentum of the game changed in favour of the home side after Cullen Crowe, Richie

Gemmell and Cooper Green had all batted well earlier in the day without going on to post big totals.

The bowling and fielding was right up to the level of what the Hauraki Plains College's Team of the Year winners has consistently produce over the past twelve months.

Cooper Green again showed the benefits of his intensive pre-season training schedule as he laboured into into the strong wind from one end - adding four vital wickets to his impressive tally so far this season. Cullen Crowe and Andy Rogers also tagged worthwhile bowling results to their batting contributions from earlier in the day.

The ground fielding and catching skills developed by coaches Glenn Crowe and Adam Haskell gave the bowlers the required support to eventually win the game by a comfortable

Match details: Hauraki Plains College Senior First XI: 176 all out. Cullen Crowe 38, Richie Gemmell 32, Cooper Green 31, Jackson Haskell 25 not out, Andy Rogers 20; defeated Hillcrest High School First XI 147. Cooper Green 4/40, Andy Rogers 2/22, Cullen Crowe 2/24. Man of the Match - Cooper Green.

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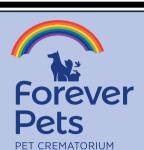
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58 Dry (4) 59 Meadow (3)

60 Tug (4) 61 Double marriage crime (6) 62 Sea mammal (7)63 Speech of praise

65 Cook gently, just below boiling point (6) 66 Get used to (8) 68 Over the whole

country (10)
71 Shellfish (6) **72** Rot (9) 74 Porridge ingredient

76 Misery (3) 79 Eagle's nest (5) 80 Hair cleaner (7)

Give up the throne

83 Encircles (5) 84 Of the stars (6) 85 Fierce argument with abusive language

DOWN

Squash (7) Brownish-yellow gment (5)

Auditory organ (3) Probability (4) Gratis (7,2,3)

Concur (5) Distended (7) 9 Hoodwink (4) **10** Lengthen (6) **11** Blockade (5)

12 Occurring at fixed intervals (7)

13 Fellowship (11)

**14** Wither (7) **20** Worm-like pasta (9) 23 Clearly perceptible (8)

24 Looking drawn, unwell (7) 26 Clothing (7)

27 Overcast (6) 29 Foretell (7)

30 Panda's food (6) 32 Sudden forward

motion (5) 34 Root vegetable (5)

36 Pick-me-up (5) 38 Inkling (4)

Card game (5) Equivalent word (7) 45 Excessively abundant (4)

46 Milk protein (6) 47 With cunning (5)

**48** Certain (8) **49** US state (9) Summer bird (7) Cake topping (5)

Sovereign (7)
Time-honoured (11) 54 Refuge (6)55 Triumph effortlessly

and decisively (3,5,4) **64** Disease with red

spots (7)
65 Waiter on ship (7) **67** Tool (7) **69** Radical and

extreme (7) **70** Rubble (6) 71 Intended (5) 73 Eye centre (5)

75 Mohammed's birthplace (5)
77 Alcoholic drink (4) 78 Indian garment (4) 82 Archaeological

excavation (3)

#### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Copying, 4 Bill of fare, 9 Broaden, 13 Reek, 14 Strain, 15 Toucan, 16 Armoury, 18 Ear, 20 Inevitable, 21 Infamous, 22 Sight, 25 Devout, 26 Preach, 28 Spotlight, 33 Vendetta, 34 Septic, 35 Gingham, 39 Massacre, 40 Sonata, 41 Foil, 42 Faith, 43 Asset, 46 Stumbling block, 53 Adorn, 56 Broth, 57 Fern, 58 System, 59 Betrayal, 62 Hexagon, 63 Parody, 64 Contempt, 67 Undecided, 69 Plenty, 70 Costly, 74 Worth, 75 Sombrero, 77 Painkiller, 81 Gas, 83 Lanolin, 84 Handle, 85 Placid, 86 Ring, 87 Peckish, 88 Starry-eyed, 89 Grinned.

**DOWN:** 1 Corgi, 2 Preserve, 3 Gateau, 4 Brawl, 5 Lane, 6 Ostrich, 7 Fluffy, 8 Realm, 10 Rare, 11 Abolish, 12 Earthy, 17 Lieutenant, 19 Quota, 23 Catacomb, 24 Timid, 25 Dilemma, 27 Rate, 29 Painful, 30 Adores, 31 Sprang, 32 Batter, 34 Swami, 36 Guard, 37 Asks, 38 Disc, 44 Survey, 45 Extra, 47 Tier, 48 Mundane, 49 Lesion, 50 Nasty, 51 Bleached, 52 Keeper, 53 Acrophobia, 54 Onyx, 55 Nullify, 60 Cover, 61 Gnat, 65 Pivot, 66 Stallion, 68 Network, 69 Progeny, 71 Locate, 72 Gender, 73 Ending, 76 Boast, 78 Award, 79 Rigid, 80 Airs, 82 Spry.

# Paeroa trucker's life on the road

Daley 1, a CH Mack truck with a rated capacity of 50 tonnes, was welcomed into the Daley family in 1996.

Since then, the truck and its driver have spent hours on the open road, hauling whatever needed to be hauled, and witnessing the change of the industry from the front window.

Daley 1 was right in the centre of the 40-strong line-up of Mack trucks in a special display dur-ing a commemorative event at Manfield, Palmerston North, last month.

The show celebrated 50 years since the first New Zealandmade Mack truck rolled off the assembly line, and featured around 180 different Mack mod-

Well-known Paeroa trucking figure George Daley - whose real name is Gene - was recognised during the show for the many years he's spent in the industry.

The almost-82-year-old did start when he was 16, after all.

"I turned 15, left the orphanage, and they sent me on a train to Taumaranui, and that's when I started," he told *The Profile*.

George started trucking commercially at age 17 in Opiki, close to what would one day become the home of Mack trucks in New Zealand - Palmerston North.

He went on to cart coal in Auckland and logs in Tokoroa, before moving to Paeroa in 1959 where he met his wife, Carole



George Daley and his refurbished CH Mack truck named Daley 1.

He worked for the well-known Brenan & Company up until 1965, when it amalgamated with another long-established carrying business in the district, Sarjants Transport Limited.

The new company was dubbed Provincial Transport Limited, and George bought his first truck, a Volvo, off the business

One year later, he started his own venture, G&CA Daley, and over the years he expanded his business to include around eight or nine trucks. George continued trucking full-time until around 12 months ago, when he decided, after a life on the road, to sell the

"He still retains an interest in what's going on, he's just not out driving every day like he was at

age 81," Carole said. "This time last year, some days he was still starting at 4am.

George knew in 2021 that he wanted to attend the 50 years of Mack celebrations this October, and so spent the best part of a year refurbishing Daley 1 to make it look as good as new

There's no doubt the truck will remain a part of the family. "He's been a hard working

family man and [the kids] have always been supportive and proud of what he does," Carole

George still holds a truck licence and still undertakes jobs from time to time, and when he's asked what the future holds, he says: "Let's wait and see'



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