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Five-year-old Laura Harden with her lamb, Flower, after competing in the leading ring. Photo: GORDON PREECE

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The four returning Paeroa ward councillors, above, and, below, incoming councillors Stephen Crooymans, Josh Martyn, and Austin Rattray.



Above: Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams and Waihi's Anne Marie Spicer. Below: The Plains ward.



PHOTOS: KELLEY TANTAU

Start of 'something new' for councillors

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

Hauraki's new and returning councillors were officially sworn in for service at the inaugural meeting of the 12th triennium last week.

It was a "special occasion", said incumbent Mayor Toby Adams, who later appointed Paeroa ward councillor Paul Milner as his deputy for a second term.

"For the newly elected councillors, today is something new in your lives; it's something you've never had before and it's something you'll never forget - regardless of whether you enjoy it or don't enjoy it," he said.

"This stuff will come home with you and you'll find you will have to vent, so we apologise to the spouses or family members that will have to listen to that.

"Rest assured, we support each

other here as much as we possibly can, and we'll try to help them along so they don't bring that excess baggage home - but a little bit will sneak in."

Each of the following elected members read aloud and signed a statutory declaration, watched on by the mayor, chief executive Langley Cavers, and attending family members.

The councillors are, for the Plains ward: Ray Broad, Phillip

Buckthought, Stephen Crooymans, Neil Gray; for Paeroa ward: Carole Daley, Paul Milner, Jo Tilsley, Rino Wilkinson; and the Waihi ward: Sarah Holmes, Josh Martyn, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Austin Rattray, and Anne Marie Spicer.

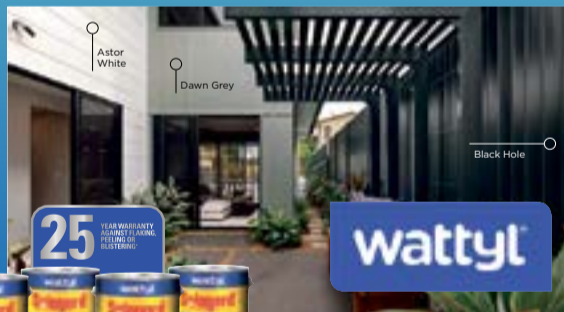
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Pensioners stand up against rate increase

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

Two women disappointed in Hauraki District Council's new rating scheme are "sticking their necks out" and refusing to pay the increase.

They say the new rates - which have almost tripled compared to last financial year - have "gone beyond" their pension.

But council have said the risk of not paying rates could result in penalties and debt collection, although that was a "last resort".

Vivienne Harper and Dawn Sinclair own a cottage each at Waihi Lifecare.

Earlier, Vivienne told *The Profile* her rates in the 2021-22 financial year were \$822.64. Her new rates bill for 2022-23 had increased to \$2379.21.

And even though residents at the Toomey St village could apply for a \$700 rebate, the rates were still \$1000 more than the previous year and were "unfair", she said.

"Why do you think people come into villages? They've gone past being able to pay these rates outside," Vivienne said. "I never thought for a moment that this would be a big hit on the oldies. It's just gone beyond our ability to live here as a single pensioner."

In this year's annual plan, Hauraki District Council voted to introduce set charges for each inhabited part of a prop-

erty - the technical term being: Separately Used and Inhabited Parts, or, SUIPs.

Retirement villages, farms, and lifestyle properties were likely going to be impacted.

It was all to make sure everyone was paying their "fair share", because according to council, 94 per cent of properties in the Hauraki only had one dwelling on them.

SUIPs now meant these property owners paid around \$90 less than they did in 2021/22. The remaining six per cent of properties with mul-



Waihi Lifecare residents and pensioners Vivienne Harper and Dawn Sinclair are 'sticking their necks out' and refusing to pay a district council rate increase.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU

ple SUIP's now paid more - around \$930 per SUIP.

"We're quite happy to pay something, but we never expected to get clobbered like this," Vivienne said. "I for one, just can't pay it on my pension."

Last financial year, Dawn's

quarterly instalment was \$205.66. This year, her first instalment will be \$586.63.

She said council needs to encourage good, affordable housing that offered "peace of mind" to its residents.

"A lot of the reason people are here is for peace of mind, so this setup has been great as an example of an affordable village... we need more of these types of places," she said.

Council's group manager

business support Duncan Peddie said it was important that all residents in the district were treated the same and contributed toward all services and activities they benefited from.

"We try all avenues to come to an arrangement for payment of rates - debt collection is only used as a last resort," he said.

"With every instalment sent out, we encourage people to contact us if they are having trouble paying or aren't able to pay. When they contact us, we

work with them to try to organise a payment plan that suits their needs and their budgets."

If council isn't contacted, and payment isn't made, a penalty is added to the outstanding balance after the due date.

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Tirohia principal embraces new role

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

Tirohia School's new principal has a plan: grow the roll, gain a classroom, increase its presence.

Already, with the arrival of a new school van - which will be signwritten - "the gem of Hauraki" is starting to make itself known.

"I think people don't know we exist," Angela Blank said.

"Because we don't have a uniform, they don't see us. But the best thing people can do is come and have a look and get the vibe. If our vibe doesn't suit you, then it doesn't suit you, but we are who we are."

Tirohia School is conveniently placed along State Highway 26, but Angela said plenty of people have mistaken the school for the offices of the neighbouring quarry.

"Yet we've been here 100 years," she told *The Profile*.

Angela has been the acting principal of Tirohia School since November, 2021, and was recently appointed tumuaki [principal].

She is better known by students and parents as Mrs B, and joined the Tirohia School whānau as the junior room teacher in 2021 having taught previously at Miller Avenue School in Paeroa.

Tirohia School's presiding member Larn Wilkinson said Angela was quickly finding her feet in her new position and was already achieving strong growth in student achievement



Angela Blank is the new tumuaki of Tirohia School, south of Paeroa.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

progress despite the challenges of Covid-19.

A feature she has introduced was the 'Mad Mondays' programme, which allows children to work using digital technology and robotics.

The school has its own 3D printer, which Angela said had become "the gift that keeps on giving".

"A dinosaur takes eight hours to print, so I plod away all week printing the stuff for the kids, and all week I go down to the classroom and ask: 'Whose is this?' So, it's become the gift

that keeps giving," she said.

"The last thing you want is a kid rolling over in the morning and thinking: 'ugh, I have to go to school'. You instead want them to roll over and think: 'I wonder what we're doing today'."

The Hauraki school south of Paeroa has a roll of 40 students and two teachers - including Angela - but the new principal's goal is to have more young faces in the family.

"We want to grow the roll, that's our big thing. We'd love to get to three classes. We've

got the building, but we have to have 51 kids to get three classes," she explained.

"Most of our kids come from town, and our van is \$5 a week - people can call in tomorrow and fill out the [enrolment] form for next year."

Angela said she was looking forward to working with the students, staff, and whānau of the unique school and invited potential pupils and their families to call in at Tirohia.



In Brief

MONUMENT REMOVED

Last week, Thames-Coromandel District Council dismantled the damaged Cook Monument at Kōpū Bridge and put it into storage. In a social media post, council said Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage acknowledged the "controversial nature" of the monument and its connection to Captain James Cook. Working in consultation with council and Ngāti Marū, the Ministry was still exploring options for the future of the remains of the monument, which has been damaged beyond repair, according to TCDC.

BOOK LAUNCH

Pūkoro Mirinda Shorebird Centre's manager Keith Woodley has written a new book and is inviting friends of the centre to join them for its official launch. The launch for the book, entitled *In Pursuit of Champions* will be held at 1pm on Saturday, November 19. RSVP to admin@shorebirds.org.nz.

CABINET ART

Seven Chorus cabinets in the Hauraki district are set to become works of art, thanks to the talents of local artists and the Chorus Cabinets' art initiative. The selected Hauraki designs include a reflection of the rural nature of Ngatea; the connection to the Firth of Thames in Orongo, tui in Aorangi, and Matariki in Paeroa. The artists are paid between \$400 and \$1500, depending on the size of their cabinet and each have until the end of March, 2023, to complete their work.

25 Hikuai River Bridge closure



The Hikuai River Bridge on State Highway 25 (SH25) between Tairua and the Pauanui turnoff will be closed to all traffic for a series of nights in October and November while the bridge deck is replaced.

From Tuesday 25 October the bridge will be closed from 8pm to 6am, Sunday to Thursday, for an expected period of up to four weeks. The bridge will be open to traffic during the day with temporary traffic management and a speed restriction of 10km/h in place.

There is no local detour, with the only available alternative route using SH25 and State Highway 25A around the Coromandel Peninsula, therefore motorists are advised to travel during the day to avoid the overnight closures, where possible.

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Paeroa couple celebrate 70 years

By GORDON PREECE

Les and Lenva Cullerne “hit Lit off straight away” when they met at a Saturday night dance at Te Aroha in 1950.

Les, now 91, told *The Profile* he was a 19 year-old motor mechanic apprentice when he first met 17 year-old shop assistant Lenva Mallowes 72 years ago, and thought she was “the prettiest one in the room”.

“[She was] nice and petite, really good figure, good humour, and I asked her for the last dance and she said yes. I ended up taking her home and it just grew from there.”

The couple, who now live in Paeroa, got engaged at the Te Aroha tennis courts 12 months after meeting and tied the knot on October 25, 1952.

This month they celebrated their platinum anniversary with family and members of their original bridal party.

Les fondly recalled sporting a traditional black suit and seeing his bride dressed in pink as she walked down the aisle.

“I thought she was a beautiful person, and I felt quite lucky too,” he said.

“The weather was perfect and everyone there was joking, happy, and in good spirits and we had quite a nice afternoon with celebrations.”

Les said he and Lenva, now



Les and Lenva Cullerne tied the knot in 1952 and have 70 years worth of fond memories together.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

89, had a memorable honeymoon when a horse collided with their vehicle in Palmerston North. “My dad lent us his Hillman because the car I had wasn’t suitable for travelling long distances,” he said.

“We went to Tauranga first and we had an accident in Palmerston North - a horse jumped on our car, so we had the car fixed up and undercoated.”

Lenva was a homemaker

and Les was an automotive engineer, and highlights during their 70-year union include attending movie nights together, being involved with country music and Grey Power, spending summer holidays at

Whangamatā, and raising their three children: Peter, Christine, and Helen.

Les, who also served with St John for 51 years, said the secret to seven decades of marriage was “tolerance”.

“We’ve been pretty lucky really because I’ve seen so many couples who were married at the same time as us who had separated and married again, so it’s an advantage to stay together,” he said.

“When things go wrong some of us have pretty short fuses, but I’m one of them who keeps calm. We might’ve had a few arguments in our earlier days but that’s when you start learning about each other.”

Lenva said she and Les spend their days doing crosswords and puzzles and watching *David Lomas Investigates*, *Shortland Street*, and game shows.

“The aim is to try and answer the questions before they do, to see if you’ve still got a brain,” she laughed.

Les said he also spent time gardening and being an active member of Paeroa MenzShed.

The couple received congratulatory messages for their 70th wedding anniversary from Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, and were awaiting a message from King Charles III.



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"Pioneer House was the only second-hand shop in Hughenden St owned by the Van Lierops," she told *The Profile*, "and Paeroa's main street had three chemists, two shoe shops, two jewellers, a lingerie store, two mens-wears, two ladieswears, two bookshops, our own picture theatre, plus four pubs."

However, Viv said that the establishment of big retailers such as The Warehouse caused most small, family-owned businesses in the town to close because they couldn't compete with the "cheaper, imported prices".

Instead, antique and second-hand stores filled the empty shops in Paeroa, and the 'Antique Town of New Zealand' rose from the ashes.

"It's now become an iconic destination for collectors and vintage enthusiasts alike," Viv said, "and its popularity is evident in the number of antique shops still succeeding in town."

Arkwrights Antiques is a unique store with collectables and hidden treasures within it, including silver, metalware, jewellery, pottery, tools, china, crown lynn, pewter, glass, vintage clothing, kitchenware, art and more.

Celebrating 30 years in business as well as her 70th birthday, Viv wanted to thank all her customers and supporters who have rallied for Paeroa and have made the town what it has become today.

She said she loves her job as a "glorified recycler and antique dealer" and enjoys meeting new people.

"Everyone has a story," she said, "but Covid has been a very enlightening time."

Viv went to Wellington earlier this year as part of the convoy 2022 to protest against the Government's Covid-19 mandates and to stand up for people's freedom to choose.

She said while she faced discrimination for her actions, her supporters and passion for people kept her spirits high.

"We all had a choice, and now I choose to celebrate 30 years and my birthday," she said. "I love Paeroa and the people in it."

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Life Ed hosts annual awards

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

Two long-time supporters of the Life Education Trust in Waikato East were recognised at its annual awards last week.

Held in Paeroa, the Waikato East arm of the Life Education Trust - famous for sharing Harold the Giraffe with schools across New Zealand - thanked Gina Morrison and Rae Challis for their service and support.

The evening was attended by Waikato East educator Mike Budd, the trust's patron Lesley Gordon, and national education support manager Michelle Dow, who said the trust continued to evolve as society evolved.

"Rest assured, the support of Life Education in your community is making a difference," she said.

Mike Budd told guests that out of the 75 schools in Waikato East, Harold visited all but five of them.

With schools continuing to support the trust throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Mr Budd said Life Education remained a much-needed asset in the community.



Top: Educator Mike Budd and below: Life Ed's award recipients Gina Morrison, left, and Rae Challis.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU

Locals rally to locate dog

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

A lost dog near Waitakaruru has brought together a community anxious to see it returned to its owner.

Around three weeks ago, a small, light-coloured dog was seen roaming around farmland in the Hauraki Plains.

Waitakaruru local Em Hefernan offered the use of some cages to try and catch it, but when no one responded, she took it upon herself to find the dog and return it to its owner - if one could be located.

But the dog has so far evaded any attempts of capture, and could roam between 5km-10km a day, Em told *The Profile*.

"I wake up in the night thinking about it," she said, "but I think it's going to be a slow process."

Em owns two dogs herself and said so far, four people - one as far away as Ngaruawa-

hia - are waiting to see if the lost dog is theirs.

She has enlisted the help of farmers and families along Canal West Rd and State Highway 25 - who are leaving food out for the lost dog - and said she appreciated all of the support from the community. She's also contacted a dog tracker from Nelson.

"I think everybody wants a feel-good story at the end of it, and no one likes to see an animal alone out there," she said. "But everybody is doing what they can... patience is key."

DETAILS: The lost dog has been sighted along Canal West Rd, near Waitakaruru and Ngatea. If spotted, please do not chase. Report any sightings to the Facebook page: 'Waitakaruru/ Ngatea little lost dog sightings and updates'.



The lost dog has been sighted around Waitakaruru. Photo: SUPPLIED/FB

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Raising the Baa

Ohinemuri Group Day president Michelle Johnson said 19 calves, lambs and kids were entered in the annual event, which gave the students from Hikutaia, Netherton, and Matatoki primary schools the opportunity to put their best hoof forward.

“For rural schools, this is a great day out, it shows all the hard work the kids have put into their animals,” she said. “It takes a lot of effort to get them ready for calf club and group day, and we appreciate the support from all the schools and the sponsors.

“It makes it all worthwhile for the kids to see the smiles when they receive ribbons and have that memento for the rest of their life.”

Reporter **GORDON PREECE** went on the moo-ve to capture the students and their fleecy companions.



Hikutaia School students Jayden Good, left, with Buddy, and Denvor Kisling, with Hot Chocka.



Netherton School student Lilla Rawlins beams with Blam the lamb.



Ryder van Hellemond and his calf, Holly.



Gabriel Te Whero, with his pal, Spike.



Mackenzie Walmsley, left, Jorja Walmsley, and Bailey Te Whero.

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Rural Life

All set for Crank Up

By GORDON PREECE

Hauraki Vintage and Machinery Club is set to host its annual crank up at Kaihere Domain on November 6 after the event was cancelled last year due to Covid-19.

Spokesperson Lorraine Williams told *The Profile* the event was about collectors showcasing vintage machinery including tractors, trucks, and a stationary vintage hay baler.

“We had Covid last year and that was disappointing for us but it’s been pretty well attended for around 10 years,” she said. “A lot of people that come say ‘my dad had one of those’ and you find members go for the things they remember as children growing up on farms.”

Lorraine said a sheep shearing display using an “old shearing portable plant operated by a tractor” was also planned.

“We do hope to have the sheep shearing because the children really love it because they’re usually pet lambs being shorn,” she said.

Lorraine said the theme for this year’s event was celebrating 75 years of Farmall Cub, which was a tractor introduced in America in 1947 to replace horses on small farms.

“They are sought after now because they are a hobby tractor, you can mow hay with them, you can get mounted grader blades and all sorts of cultivation things that go with them,” she said.

“They’re very popular because they’re not a big tractor, you can put them in your car garage.”

Lorraine said the event would take place between 10am and 4pm and a gold coin was required for entry to go towards club machinery storage costs at the domain.



A sheep shearing display is set to feature at the Crank Up.

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'There was only one': Totara Pā



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.

1937

There were calls for Totara Pā to be recognised as a Thames heritage site in 1937. Other towns in the dominion had attractions such as bathing facilities and picnic resorts and many were making the most of historic spots such as Gate Pā at Tauranga.

Right at Thames' front door was one of the most historic sites in the dominion - old Totara Pā - which made history before the Māori and Pākehā wars took place.

It should have been set aside years previously as a public reserve, its old trenches and palisades restored as far as possible and its history collected. Its value as a historic site had been spoiled by turning it into a cemetery. Where once the fierce shout of the Māori warrior was heard, where battle, murder and sudden death were enacted, it was now an ordinary burial ground with rows of marble tombstones inside the old ramparts.

It was a thousand pities this was ever done. There were other



The remains of Shortland Pā.

Photo: SUPPLIED

sites for cemeteries - there was only one Totara Pā.

The large area of waste ground extending from the Burke St wharf to the old battery along the road to Tararu also attracted attention in 1937. The area was considered big enough for a park, showground and recreation ground combined.

It would take a great deal of work to fill up, level and lay out this ground, but in the course of time, the town would possess an asset where it now had a desolate blank waste.

A heavy belt of close-growing trees planted along the sea edge of the land, and a belt of chestnuts along the roadway side, would provide sufficient shelter to check cold winds and let other trees and shrubs become established. A sports ground and a showground area could be separated by hedges and the balancemade into a park, with great rose pergolas, winding paths, grassy lawns, ferneries, ponds, shrubberies and flower gardens.

A gradual evolution from a barren waste to a magnificent park would work wonders.

Travellers on the coast road could halt there for refreshment - a kiosk would pay in the summer months.

Such a park would be a splendid advertisement for the progressive spirit of Thames, and it would be a fitting heritage to hand on to those who would make Thames their home for generations to come.

A permanent memorial of those who took a leading part in the affairs of Thames in the early days of its prosperity, during the first ten years or so of its gold mining days, was suggested in 1913. The memorial would be in the form of a shield containing the portraits of the chief residents of Thames during 1867-77.

It would be an expression of admiration for those brave and sturdy pioneers who bore the heat and the burden of the early periods of the dominion's existence.

It would remind the rising generation that if they wished to prove worthy of the heritage they have received from the past they must seek to emulate the spirit and character of those who had gone before.



Noeline Posselt dons pink for the street appeal.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Think pink for appeal

Paeroa woman Noeline Posselt proved there's no such thing as too much pink during the Breast Cancer Foundation's annual Pink Ribbon appeal. The 77-year-old was outside Countdown Paeroa helping to collect donations on October 27 and said she was taken aback by the generosity of the public. Her first time bucket collecting for the charity, Noeline told reporter **KELLEY TANTAU** she thought it must be a prerequisite to dress pink - and so donned pink nails, a feather boa, a tutu, and gloves. More info or donations: www.breastcancerfoundation.org.nz.

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Paeroa's got the top girl for checkout

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

Out of the roughly 5000 checkout operators working for New Zealand's Countdown supermarkets, Inuri Kuruppu from Paeroa is the country's best.

The 22-year-old checkout supervisor claimed the title after being judged in several rounds, walking away with \$3000 and bragging rights.

"I feel very honoured. I know people may think: 'Oh it's just a checkout operator award', but to me, it's such a cool opportunity and who knows where it will lead me," she told *The Profile*.

"The whole experience was so awesome and I'm really grateful for it."

Inuri started working for Countdown while studying towards a business degree in Hamilton. After graduating at the end of 2020, she returned to her hometown of Paeroa and got a full-time job at the local store.

Most of her shifts are nine-and-a-half hours long, but she said keeping the enthusiasm up for the entire work day came easy to her, in part thanks to the happy customers - some of which she is on first-name basis with.

"I have really good relationships with a lot of customers. You're not always going to get the nicest customer, so it's great when you do get a lot of lovely people," she said.

"And Paeroa is such a small community, so everyone knows everyone."



Inuri Kuruppu from Countdown Paeroa won Checkout Operator of the Year last month.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Inuri was nominated for the national award by Countdown Paeroa's assistant customer services manager Suzanne Lee, who said she always knew Inuri was a winner.

"To me it wasn't just about being an operator, it was also about consistency across the whole board: customer service, interacting with the team... nothing

really is a problem [with Inuri].

"At the end of the day, anyone can be a checkout operator, so it's about how you actually execute the whole shopping experience... and I knew she was a winner."

When it comes to being crowned the nation's best checkout operator, Inuri said maintaining good relationships with the customers was key.

"You want to know about their day and put in a bit of effort to smile, and yet still be conscious about scanning items because people want to go home - you just want them to want to come back," she said.

"When you do have a stressful situation, or when you do see lines, you know your team has your back and they'll go as hard

as they can to keep the customers happy."

Inuri wanted to thank Paeroa customers for often "making her day".

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Hauraki garden rambles to raise funds

By GORDON PREECE

More than 40 gardens across the Hauraki are set to bloom for Garden Ramble events throughout November.

The Ngātea Garden Ramble will take place on November 5, while the Waihi event will run on November 12 and 13, and the Paeroa event on November 19.

A spokesperson for Waihi Lions, which is hosting the Waihi Garden Ramble, said the 17 gardens featured in the event include small town and large country gardens, as well as 10 new gardens.

“They start in town and work out to Golden Valley, Trig Rd, Waihi Beach and on to Athenree where three gardens sit beside each other with views to the harbour,” they said.

“Then on to Athenree Homestead where lovely Devonshire tea and tasty scones and stalls in the gardens await for you to enjoy.”

Ikebana Japanese flower arranging demonstrations by Keiko Murakami will take place in garden two on Saturday, November 2, using flowers and foliage from that garden.

There will also be a plant stall, an art stall plus cold drinks and a barbecue available, and sturdy footwear was recommended as some of the gardens were large.

The event will take place from 9am to 4pm and tickets are available for \$30 for both days at Mitre 10 and New World



The Waihi Garden Ramble will take place on November 12-13, featuring small town and large country gardens.

Photo: SUPPLIED

Waihi on the day.

The Ngātea Garden Ramble will be hosted by Hauraki Plains Cooperating Parish members Jane Robinson and Jennifer Smyllie, and the event aims to raise funds for their church.

“It’s for people to see other people’s gardens to get inspiration,” Jane said.

“The idea is they can go anytime on Saturday between 9am and 5pm and they just wander through the gardens and there’s also refreshments provided at

the church.” Tickets cost \$25 and are available to purchase up until the day of the event from Ngātea Hammer Hardware, Country Dog Garden Centre in Paeroa, Aeroview Garden Centre in Thames, or the parish.

The inaugural Paeroa Garden Ramble will be hosted by Rotary Paeroa with 20 gardens open for public viewing.

Organiser Janet Tye said the event would take place between 9am to 4pm and aimed to rejuvenate funds within Rotary

Paeroa.

“We thought it was a service to the community to have something exciting to go to, and with Covid, a lot of their funding has been down so we thought this was a way to do something different and add to the funds.”

Janet said tickets cost \$25 and could be purchased up until the day of the event from Arkwrights Antiques, Country Dog Garden Centre, Aeroview Garden Centre and Stihl Shop, Thames.

New chair’s name pulled from hat

Pamela Storey has been selected chair of Waikato Regional Council during the triennial meeting held in Hamilton last week.

The second-term councillor was nominated for the role of chair alongside Stu Kneebone, who is now starting his fifth regional council term.

The voting was tied at seven each, with the deadlock decided by the pulling of Cr Storey’s name from a hat by chief executive Chris McLay.

According to council, the organisation is required by legislation to choose a procedure to resolve a tie.

The hat method unanimously backed by councillors earlier in the meeting was one of two options – the other being a toss of a coin.

The triennial meeting followed a pōwhiri earlier in the day to celebrate and welcome the new council and their whānau.

The pōwhiri was guided and supported by kaumātua representing local hapū. All speakers acknowledged the attendance of Tumuaki o te Kiingitanga, Hone Thompson.

The Waikato Regional Council Thames-Coromandel representative is Warren Maher, while Robert Cookson and Ben Dunbar-Smith will represent the Waihou ward.

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Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki recently hosted the 2022 Whānau Day Out.

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Whānau Day Out – a successful return

It was awesome to see the many whānau (families), from near and far, gathered at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall on Wednesday 5th October 2022, for the 2022 Whānau Day Out in Paeroa.

An event full of fun, interaction and information sharing happening between families and the wide selection of local health providers, social service and community groups, including Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki as the hosts of the day.

After two years of isolation periods, lockdowns, and anything else to do with Covid-19 restrictions, Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki thought it was time to put the wero out to local providers and services to come together and put on a day for our whānau, for our hapori

(community), for Hauraki. This day being the 2022 Whānau Day Out, with Connection being the key theme to set the scene.

For many whānau here in Hauraki, there are a variety of barriers that can impact access to services, including the lack of information available around what is available, to who, at what cost and from where. So having a wide range of services, providers and various roopū coming together, under the same roof, at the same venue and supporting this kaupapa, was welcomed.

Whānau who attended the event said that each stall they approached was well put together, that kaimahi tending to those stalls made interacting and communi-

cating seem relaxed and effortless and that they left with a full cup.

“What a day, for myself I was totally taken away by the amount of community support the day received. My whānau loved seeing the tamariki [children] running around and filling the whare with laughter and happiness and also getting involved as much as they could.”

Of course, the 2022 Whānau Day Out would not have been successful without the many contributions and definitely not without the support and sponsorship from so many pākihi (businesses) and services. E kore a mihi e ngū – Thank you all.

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Chip Packet Project NZ

The Chip Packet Project NZ was established in New Zealand in September, 2021, during the Covid-19 lockdown. The organisation collects freshly washed chip packets, or any foil wrapped food item, before fusing them together with an iron to create a blanket, sleeping bag cover, or even pillows, for people surviving on the streets, living in cars or in emergency housing in Aotearoa.

After the five packet strips have been fused together, the CPPNZ team create the finished product and they are then distributed to wherever they are needed.

We are still gratefully receiving any washed chip packets you may wish to donate, and should you have the time to iron them also, that extra step would be much appreciated.



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The Chip Packet Project NZ made a special personal thanks to the Ngatea Community for the foil strips they have received. Thanks Team!!

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Vaccine consultation begins

Pharmac has announced a consultation on widening access to the meningococcal B vaccine, branded as Bexsero, which would give thousands of young people and infants protection against meningococcal B disease.

It also plans to make vaccinations against shingles free for more people.

“Following the budget increase announced in May, 2022, we are working our way through our options for investment list,” Phar-

mac’s chief medical officer Dr David Hughes said. “We are pleased to be progressing this proposal for the meningococcal B vaccine that could bring a new vaccine on to the childhood immunisation schedule and better protect our children from infectious diseases.”

Pharmac is seeking feedback on the proposal to fund the meningococcal B vaccine from 1 March, 2023. The consultation is available online at pharmac.govt.nz for anyone wanting to have their say.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Choir's new musical director

After a nationwide search, Dr Nichi Voice has been selected to lead a celebratory performance for St George's Church's 150th anniversary.

Dr Voice, who performs under the name of Nichola Genn Harris, is rehearsing the choir, and will conduct two performances of Handel's *Messiah* in November.

A passionate musician, Dr Voice is currently head of the music department at Thames High School.

She hails from Nelson, where she began her musical training, learning piano and flute.

She played flute and piccolo in the Nelson Youth Orchestra and also for the Radio Nelson orchestra.

Dr Voice was also an extra in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra as a flutist, playing bass, alto, and concert flutes, and piccolo.

Dr Voice's undergraduate degree was earned at the NSW State Conservatorium, in Sydney; her master's degree in flute performance, from the University of Canterbury.

Her first job as conductor was for Nelson Repertory Theatre, presenting many musical theatre performances.

There is a strong connection with St George's Church for Dr Voice.

Bishop Selwyn, New Zealand's first Anglican Bishop selected her great, great pa-



Musical director Dr Nichi Voice is a talented flutist. Photo: SUPPLIED

ternal grandfather to come to New Zealand, from England, as a missionary for Māori.

He translated one book of the Bible into Māori, and it is quite possible that he was actually at the opening of St George's Church in 1872.

There is also a Thames connection, with Dr Voice's maternal grandmother having been born in Karaka St.

It is likely that she sang *Messiah* at St George's too - her personal copy of *Messiah* is dated Thames, 1926.

Dr Voice said that she was "really enjoying" her work with the choir.

"I've been made to feel very welcome, with everyone here very friendly," she said.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with this group of enthusiastic songsters, conducting choral work, which adds to my own expertise."

DETAILS: Handel's Messiah will be performed at St George's Church, Thames on Saturday, November 26 at 7pm, and Sunday, November 27 at 2pm.

Final gig an 'audio feast'

Kauaeranga Music's final gig for 2022 will be the Ragtime Washboard Kings - likely one of the only bands in New Zealand to feature not one, but two washboard players.

This, alongside acoustic and resonator guitars, upright bass, fiddle, lap steel, mandolin, and djembe promises to be an "audio feast" for those tuning in for the closing event.

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Hour radio show, as well as a support slot for Motown masters The Four Tops, The Miracles and The Temptations, in front of 50,000 people at the Mission Estate concert in 2010.

Robbie Lavén contributes a wide array of accompanying instrumentation; mandolin, fiddle, Strohm violin, lap steel guitar, harmonica and washboard.

On upright bass, Stuart Lawrence from Dargaville has worked with the Whangarei Big Band. On percussion and washboard, long-time associate Warren Houston from Motueka, has toured with Mike in Australia, New Caledonia and Nepal, as well as recording on most of Mike's albums for more than two decades.

DETAILS: November 4 from 7:30pm at the Kauaeranga Hall. Door sales \$25, pre-paid \$22 txt: 021 912 993.



Kauaeranga Music's final gig for 2022 will be the Ragtime Washboard Kings. Photo: SUPPLIED

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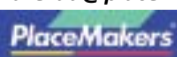

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SPORTS

Dromgool dominates Valley rugby awards

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Thames Valley lock forward, Cameron Dromgool was well recognised for his outstanding season for the Swamp Foxes when he was named Player of the Year at the team's award ceremony held recently.

As well as receiving the Reg Elvidge Trophy, the Coaches named him the Iron Man of the team and from points accumulated throughout the season he was also awarded the Most Valuable Player. His teammates then recognised him as the Forward of the Year and the Players' Player.

It was also announced on the night that Connor McVerry, Todd Doolan and Harry Lafituanai had been chosen to represent the New Zealand Heartland XV to play a New Zealand Police team at Taupo on Sunday, November 6.

The full list of awards: Iron Man: Cameron Dromgool; Most Improved Player: Patrick Aislabie; Rookie of the Year John Hodge Memorial Trophy: Calum Wood; MVP Points: Cameron Dromgool;



Cameron Dromgool, left, with his award alongside Coach Joe Murray. Photo: SUPPLIED

Most Dedicated Team Man Mike Tarry Memorial Trophy: Zach Clarke; Player of the Year Reg Elvidge Trophy: Cameron Dromgool.

Heartland Awards- Players' Choice Awards: Try of the Year: Lea Mau Fangufangu; Loan Player of the Year: Tayne Tupaea; Forward of the year: Cameron Dromgool; Back

of the Year: Harry Lafituanai; Players' Player: Cameron Dromgool.

Emerging Players' Awards: Most Outstanding Forward: Oshea Te Oka-Cox; Most Outstanding Back: Hayden Mulgrew; Most Improved Player: Joshua Mason; Best Team Man: Taine Wilson; Player of the Year: Dane Mathews.

Tragic loss at rescue

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Also thank you for the donations of cat food to our Pak'nSave food bin, these have been blessings to the unit in what has been an incredibly traumatic time.

To have one of our long term special rescue felines, Wiki, run over on a shared driveway, was a tragic first in 24 years of living here. Initially believed to have had a broken right leg, after hours veterinary care, more x-rays and medication, the next day revealed the painful truth that his left leg ball joint was also broken. Sadly, this meant that operating was not an option for him and the right leg had six fractures. The devastating news meant we had to let him go over the rainbow bridge at only five years of age. He was put to sleep and was cremated.

Wiki was extremely special - he was the vocal one, he greeted us coming home, yelled at the back door to come in, chatted to all the rescue cats, taught the feral kittens how to trust in humans, taught them good things and bad, raced around on the roof with Lizzie. To lose such a special animal is incredibly devastating, and left the centre with a near on \$1000 vet bill because someone going down the drive did not look, did not see.

How someone can run something over and not know is totally beyond us but no one saw the accident. It was something that caused us great concern. We accept these things can



Thames Animal Rescue lost their cat, Wiki. Photo: SUPPLIED

and do happen and we take solace in helping the other rescue kitties like Lizzie, who has no comprehension of why her buddy is no longer there.

Our gratitude to Forever pets and Anexa vets at this time.

We have been unable to get fundraising past selling items on the internet, and no further garage sales will be held due to the lack of able-bodied people to help with the entire event. It takes enormous effort to run one which means funds for the unit remain extremely restricted.

Hence our sincerest thank you to those who donate sachets, tinned foods and pet milk to our food bin and to the Women's Institutes for their donations - this helps us continue to help those who need us most in a time we need it most.

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Thames Heritage Festival

OUR HERITAGE

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Our places of heritage are of value to the community because they have aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance, and are held in high regard. They may also have had regional and/or national impact during their heyday due to the scale, productivity, longevity, technical and engineering innovations, socio-economic impact, and influential businesses associated with them.

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EVENTS: SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

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SATURDAY continued.....

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Thames Small Gauge Railway, 401 Brown Street - Running on Sunday from 11.00am

EVENTS: SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

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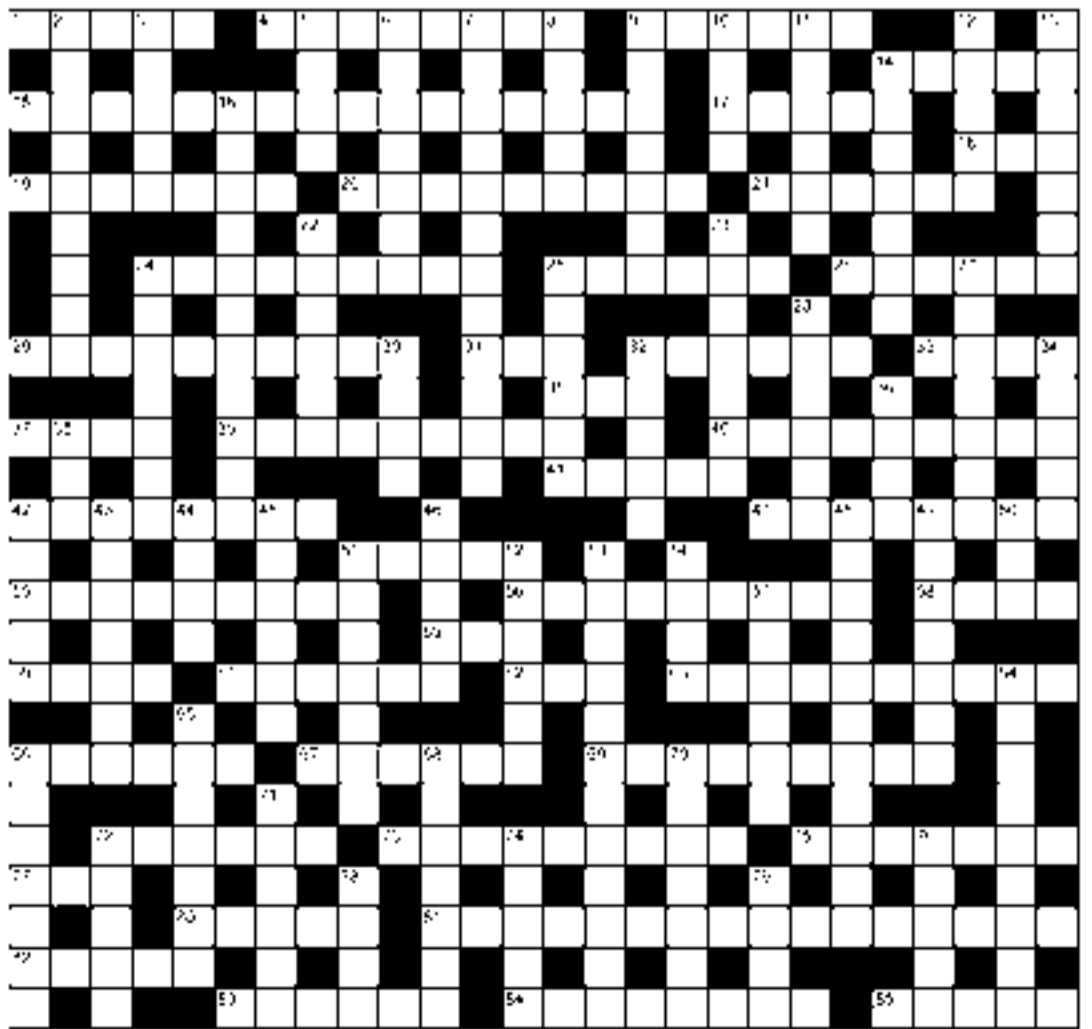
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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Consumers (5)
 - 4 Prickly animal (8)
 - 9 Extol (6)
 - 14 Pursue (5)
 - 15 Nimble-witted (5,2,3,6)
 - 17 Foyer (5)
 - 18 Self-image (3)
 - 19 Meadow flowers (7)
 - 20 With very keen eyesight (5-4)
 - 21 Changed direction (6)
 - 24 Cause to feel self-conscious (9)
 - 25 False (6)
 - 26 Arrival (6)
 - 29 Boxed confectionery (10)
 - 31 The present (3)
 - 32 Gregarious (6)
 - 33 Vertical spar (4)
 - 35 Kind (3)
 - 37 Finished (4)
 - 39 Genus including daffodils, jonquils (9)
 - 40 Cut expenditure (9)
 - 41 Small and delicately built (5)
 - 42 Fidgety (8)
 - 47 Curved sickle shape (8)
 - 51 Neck warmer (5)
 - 55 Light conversation for social occasions (5,4)
 - 56 Return journey (5,4)
 - 58 Mountains (4)
 - 59 As well (3)
 - 60 Undiluted (4)
 - 61 University's buildings and grounds (6)
 - 62 Menagerie (3)
 - 63 Overdue arrivals (10)
 - 66 Body organ (6)
 - 67 Lecture (6)
 - 69 Plateau (9)
 - 72 Bypass (6)
 - 73 Vigorous (9)
 - 75 Voracious fish (7)
 - 77 Mineral spring (3)
 - 80 Passenger ship (5)
 - 81 Growing old (7,2,2,5)
 - 82 Ambition (5)
 - 83 Comrade (6)
 - 84 Spells away from work (8)
 - 85 Said further (5)
 - DOWN**
 - 2 Easily nauseated (9)
 - 3 Boulders (5)
 - 5 Consumes (4)
 - 6 Country in West Indies (7)
 - 7 Despair (12)
 - 8 Pottery coating (5)
 - 9 Nip in the bud (7)
 - 10 Friend in war (4)
 - 11 Overpower (6)
 - 12 Doomed (5)
 - 13 Down-payment (7)
 - 14 Deadly poison (7)
 - 16 Capsize (11)
 - 22 Columnist (6)
 - 23 Speed up (7)
 - 24 Passage selected from a larger work (7)
 - 25 Imprudent (6)
 - 27 Shifty (7)
 - 28 Prefer (6)
 - 30 Set of garments (4)
 - 32 Small boat (5)
 - 34 Illegal removal (5)
 - 36 Employer (4)
 - 38 Compete (3)
 - 42 Gum (5)
 - 43 Breakwater (3,4)
 - 44 Calm spell (4)
 - 45 Dung-beetle (6)
 - 46 Fabric tucks (5)
 - 48 Eager anticipation (11)
 - 49 Alleged (7)
 - 50 Snooze (3)
 - 51 Captain (7)
 - 52 Icebound (6)
 - 53 Undistinguished in quality or nature (3-2-3-4)
 - 54 Superstar (4)
 - 57 Decayed (6)
 - 64 Stud farm product (9)
 - 65 Fabric (7)
 - 66 Disease (anag)(7)
 - 68 Coped (7)
 - 70 Spanned (7)
 - 71 One in a foot race (6)
 - 72 Lifeboat crane (5)
 - 74 Gag (5)
 - 76 In the lead (5)
 - 78 Soft white cheese (4)
 - 79 Jealousy (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Spots, 4 Go off the deep end, 14 Crave, 15 Total, 16 Roundabout, 17 Parka, 19 Lid, 20 Blunder, 21 Statuette, 22 Cavity, 25 Arrogance, 27 Prefer, 28 Bricks, 33 Falsehoods, 35 Nil, 36 Shoved, 37 Draw, 39 Lit, 41 Lullaby, 42 Baffle, 43 Commotion, 44 Tulle, 45 Beverage, 50 As, 51 Stretchy, 55 Strut, 58 Barricade, 59 Threat, 60 Library, 61 Wee, 63 Exit, 64 Resign, 65 Mug, 66 Improvised, 68 Choker, 69 Mascot, 71 Sovereign, 76 Bitter, 77 Profanity, 79 Control, 81 Car, 84 Rival, 85 Volleyball, 86 Films, 87 Passé, 88 Frog in the throat, 89 Ghost.

DOWN: 2 People, 3 Train, 5 Oboe, 6 Fanatic, 7 Traits, 8 Erode, 9 Entitle, 10 Pops, 11 Normal, 12 Early, 13 Leaders, 14 Calibre, 18 Xenophobia, 23 Mayor, 24 Rejoice, 26 Resolve, 27 Pullets, 29 Cardiac, 30 Danube, 31 Sniff, 32 Permit, 34 Swap, 36 Still, 38 Windy, 40 Core, 45 Bible, 46 Vertigo, 47 Raid, 48 Gnawed, 49 Brown, 50 Attempt, 52 Rhinoceros, 53 Turning, 54 Harden, 55 Seminar, 56 Drugs, 57 Taxi, 62 Spree, 67 Venture, 68 Concept, 70 Caravan, 72 October, 73 Beaver, 74 Insect, 75 Cosmos, 76 Brisk, 78 Filth, 80 Thigh, 82 Slug, 83 Plea.

SPORTS

Josey nets national basketball selection

By GORDON PREECE

Josey Hansen was “in shock” when she was selected for the National Secondary School Girls A team last month.

The 16-year-old Paeroa College student told *The Profile* she was selected for the team alongside nine other female students while at the Secondary Schools National Championships held at Palmerston North in October.

“It was such a shock, I wasn’t really expecting it.

“We went down there just for fun because our team wasn’t as experienced as the other teams,” she said.

“[My team mates] were happy for me and quite shocked, but they were kind of expecting it.”

Josey said she was selected because she averaged 34 points, accumulated from basketball goals in the four games she and her team played at the tournament.

“My defence and tactics were just bang on point for what [the national selectors] were looking for, really,” she said.

Josey has played basketball since she was four, and said her parents encouraged her to participate in sport.

“[I enjoy] bonding with different people and the love I



Josey Hansen hopes her national team selection could score her an overseas basketball scholarship.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

have for basketball,” she said.

“[I also] enjoy going to trainings all over the country - Christchurch, Rotorua, Palmerston North, Hamilton, and Auckland.”

Josey said she was aiming to

score a scholarship while competing with the national team to play basketball overseas.

“We’re going to Australia sometime next year for a two week tournament,” she said.

“We wait until we get an

email from the tournament director and see where we go from there.”

Josey said she was also part of the under 17 New Zealand women’s basketball team, the under 16 New Zealand mixed

touch team, and has represented Thames Valley at basketball, touch rugby and netball.

She is also part of the Rotorua under 19 girls basketball team which will travel to Las Vegas in July, 2023, to compete.

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