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Brendan Walsh, from Turua, was named one of the New Zealand Warriors' biggest fans. FULL STORY, PAGE 2

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League fan 'blown away' by support

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

By day, Brendan Walsh is a rugby league fan. By night, he transforms into the Rocker Warrior, seen among the stadium crowd wearing distinguishable face paint, a wild wig, and his trademark pukana.

His efforts to support his rugby league team over the past ten years led him to be named one of the finalists in the One NZ competition to find the New Zealand Warriors' biggest fan.

"I am what I am," he told *The Profile*. "I'm doing this because I love the Warriors, and it's my passion, my hobby, and I enjoy painting my face and going to the games."

Brendan's support for the squad is obvious.

There are Warriors flags at his entranceway and signs and merch hanging up in his garage. Not to mention, there's a giant Warriors poster tacked to an exterior wall that can be seen by passing motorists.

He even wants to take it a step further and get his garage roof painted in supportive insignia.

"Everyone knows where the Warriors house is," he said. "We get people beeping and yelling out to us. People even stop and drop flags in our letterbox."

Brendan, from Turua, was involved with the Mt Wellington Warriors Rugby League Football Club in Auckland for many years.

His son played from Under 12s to Under 20s and Brendan was the manager of the team



Brendan Walsh turns into the Rocker Warrior for every Warriors home game.

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during that time. He was also a committee member and former player, too. But it wasn't until 2013 when he became a Warriors season ticket holder, and the persona of the Rocker Warrior

was brought to life. "I've always painted my face for every home game I'd go to. If it rained, I got wet. It was just one of those things," he said. It normally takes an hour for

Brendan to transform into the Rocker Warrior. His sponsor, Body FX in Auckland, are responsible for the metamorphosis, complete only when contact lenses are inserted and a wild wig is put on.

Brendan said since the One NZ biggest fan competition kicked off, his distinctive look had been getting more recognition. His daughter and fellow Warriors fan Machayla was in charge of Rocker's social media.

"I've been blown away by how many people have come up to me and have asked for a photo," he said.

Despite not claiming the top prize in the competition - in which winners received two return tickets to any NRL Warriors game in Australia in 2024, as well as a free phone and data from One NZ - one of the attributes that continues to make Brendan a biggest fan contender is his unwavering support.

Even through the squad's low points, he remained loyal.

"Because I was involved with the league club, I know you have your highs and your lows," he said.

"My son's team took until they were in the Under 14s before they won a championship. But the longer you wait, the harder you work.

"And [what the competition] has brought about is more people knowing what I do, and I do it for the passion."



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Whitianga	-0	01	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	03	-0	05
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

SH25A bridge cost balloons by \$10m

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

The cost of the new bridge to reconnect the Coromandel Peninsula has already increased \$10 million since May.

On a visit to the site on August 18, transport minister Hon David Parker said he was advised that the project would be delivered “on budget” at \$50m.

But just three months ago, it was estimated that the bridge would cost between \$30-\$40m.

He wasn’t aware as to why the costs had increased, but said Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency was “pulling out all the stops” to get the bridge constructed “as soon as possible”.

He said people were working at the Kōpū-Hikuai slip site roughly 20 hours a day, while off-site construction was operating 24/7.

“Everyone’s doing their utmost to bring it in early, but they’re promising it’ll be [built] by March.”

A bridge was confirmed as the best option to fix SH25a back in May - as opposed to a bypass or a rebuild - based on its ability to reconnect Coromandel’s communities quickly and resiliently.

Hugh Milliken, project director for successful tenderers McConnell Dowell and Fulton Hogan, said the work being undertaken at the slip site was “fairly straightforward”.



An artist’s image of the bridge to be built up at the Kōpū-Hikuai slip site.

Image: SUPPLIED/NZTA

“We are trying to keep this as simple as we can. We are literally stabilising the ground and sorting the water out. That’s water from the sky, water across the hill, and water from the hill - getting that captured so we’ve got control of it.”

“This really is a preparation site,” he said. “As quickly as we can, we want to turn this into an assembly project, so that when the bridge arrives, we

will assemble it, that’s the goal, and we’re only probably a few weeks away from that.”

Thames-Coromandel Mayor Len Salt said to see the project in its current stage was “really good for our communities”.

“We’re looking forward to getting this done and open again,” he said.

“It’s been tough on so many levels... We just appreciate the fact that we’ve got things mov-

ing and the support is there. There’s this sense of a light at the end of the tunnel,” he said, “or, light at the end of the bridge.”

Earlier this month, contractors were able to install the seismic casings at the eastern abutment of the new 124-metre bridge.

The pipes surround three piles near the surface and provide space for them to move in

an earthquake.

The recent drier conditions also saw good progress on work to stabilise and drain the slip-face.

The transport agency said a specialist crew had begun installing the 250 soil nails that would be driven into the slip face to stabilise it.



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THS humbled to make Coulter Cup final

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

Thames High School rugby players are patting themselves on the back after making the finals of the Coulter Cup for the first time in years.

Thames High's First XV came up against Mercury Bay in the August 12 finals match, losing 14-32 but walking away with their heads held high.

The achievement was a culmination of effort from the coaching team, senior club supporters, and the players - who had been developing their craft behind the scenes.

"There used to be three levels of competition in the Thames Valley - the youth grade, the future first grade, and the First XV. A couple of years ago, David Harrison, coach of the Swampfoxes, decided to keep our boys in the future first grade, instead of pushing them and rushing them into a First XV competition," Jen Fletcher said.

"The boys were all really young, so they wouldn't have developed their rugby very well if we had put them into that First XV competition."

Jen, who is the teacher in charge of rugby at Thames High, said keeping the players in the future first competition for two years enabled them to hone their craft and become better rugby players.

"We didn't have the numbers



Thames High's First XV came up against Mercury Bay in the August 12 finals match, losing 14-32 but walking away with their heads held high.

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to have both a future first grade and a First XV, but it's paid off for the boys this year because they've made the finals. If we had pushed them through two years ago, I don't know how many would still be playing rugby, for starters."

Thames High has been producing some rugby talent of late, with two boys selected in the U19 rep team; one in the U16 team; four boys in the U14 team; one

girl and two past students in the U19 women's team; and three girls in the U16 team.

Other players will be participating in the Sevens competition, with the Condor qualifiers in Paeroa on September 20.

Jen, who is also the Thames Valley secondary school rugby chairperson, said the latest achievement is only the start for rugby at the high school.

"We've got some good Year

8s coming in next year who are going to be our new crew, with about eight girls coming in to add to our girls' space as well," she said.

"I think that this is the start of a new beginning - the work has been happening for the past three or four years but it's starting to come to fruition."

She said the support of its senior club, Thames Rugby and Sports, had "made a massive dif-

ference" to the school's successful season.

"The connection between high school and senior clubs is so important, and I think that's what little communities need.

"If you've got a senior club and you've got a high school - connect, because it's been wicked for us this year."



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Open Evening Success

It was so lovely to see so many whānau attend the Open Evening on Monday 7 August. Prospective students were greeted by our Troupe Street Performers dressed as goblins and ghouls and we couldn't help but notice that the most popular display was the one about our impending uniform change! Student Leaders spoke about their roles at Thames High School and took tours of our curriculum spaces.

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Northcote College Exchange

Thank you to Northcote College for traveling down to us this year for the exchange. Congratulations to all the teams that competed with great spirit. Well done to Northcote winning the Volleyball, Basketball and Football and Thames High School gained a win in the Rugby and Netball. Our Rugby Captain, Millar Morton, was very pleased to receive the Rugby Shield. The most Valuable Players for each team were acknowledged during an after match afternoon tea.



Farewell to Natalie O'Neil

After eight years at our school, Mrs O'Neil was farewelled warmly. She leaves us to focus on whānau and farming. Mrs O'Neil has built great relationships with taloahi and whānau and our contributing schools, ensuring that transition to high school is as smooth and supported as possible. She has overseen significant changes in the junior school curriculum and our pastoral care network.

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Spirit Week

We are super proud of our Senior House Leaders, Holly and Logan, and their team of helpers for creating an amazing week for all our students. Also thank you to Head students Kyla Wilson and Millar Morton for speaking to CFM at their studio in Thames, to promote the week. Hoult House won with the most points. Well done!

Hoult - 100 points
Dorrington - 80 points
Rudman - 60 points
Adams - 40 points



Sportsmanship Trophy

Head Student Kyla Wilson recently attended the Hamilton City Netball Representative prize-giving for U18s and was awarded the Sportsmanship trophy.

"I felt very lucky and surprised to receive this award. The prize-giving night was really cool as we got to see our team for the first time since nationals. My coaches and team mates are always giving me things to work on which means I am constantly aiming to improve." -Kyla

Chaos in the ring with Never Surrender

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

Shaun George thought he'd forever have a boxing gym in his garage.

He started practising the sport at age six, with he and his brother being taught by his dad.

"It was something that was always there, so I thought I'd just have a gym in my garage for the rest of my life.

"But it got overpopulated," he told *The Profile*.

And so Never Surrender Boxing Health and Fitness was born, and now has a home in the heart of Thames. For the past 14 years, it has helped hundreds of people with their weight loss journeys, their fitness, and their mental health.

Two converts, Andrew Connaughton and Shannen Middleton have seen the club go from strength to strength.

Shannen was one of Never Surrender's first students and she had one rule: No fighting.

"I needed to come lose some weight, get fit... that's what I told [Shaun], that I was not going to fight. I was adamant. Six months later, I was in the ring," she said.

"After that first fight, I needed another round."

Andrew, meanwhile, joined around three years ago after a lifestyle change.



Andrew Connaughton, Shannen Middleton, and Shaun George are wanting to bring the buzz of boxing back to Thames with a new event.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

"I was too old for sports like rugby and things like that, so I just thought maybe boxing. I Googled it, up popped this club in Thames, and I thought 'Why not?'"

"They are a really genuine bunch of people, and as soon as

you walk in, everybody greets each other, and at the end of every session, everybody says goodbye."

Never Surrender offers classes to all ages and abilities and boasts a number of success stories: middleweight champion

Francis Waitai and Tasmyn Benny, the first New Zealand woman to win a medal in boxing at a Commonwealth Games, have both trained at the club.

"Shaun makes this place tick," Andrew said. "The rest of us pretend we know every-

thing about boxing, but I've never met someone who knew so much and was so passionate about it like Shaun."

On September 23, Never Surrender is hosting Chaos on the Coromandel, a one-night-only boxing event being held at the Thames Civic Centre.

Sporting celebrity bouts including one featuring Thames' own Black Fern World Cup winner Vita Dryden, the night will also act as the much-anticipated Hauraki homecoming for Francis Waitai, who holds the WBC Australasia Silver Belt.

The aim of the evening was to bring something positive and exciting back to Thames Valley's event calendar, the Never Surrender crew said.

"It promises to be a good night," Andrew added. "The ethos behind this is to do something positive."

For Shaun, it's an evening to not only showcase local and national boxing talent, but to bring the community that has supported the club over the past ten-plus years together.

"I feel lucky to have good people," he said. "Without the people, you just can't do it."

DETAILS: Visit eventfinda.co.nz for tickets and information about Chaos on the Coromandel.





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'Disgraceful exhibitions of rowdyism'



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.

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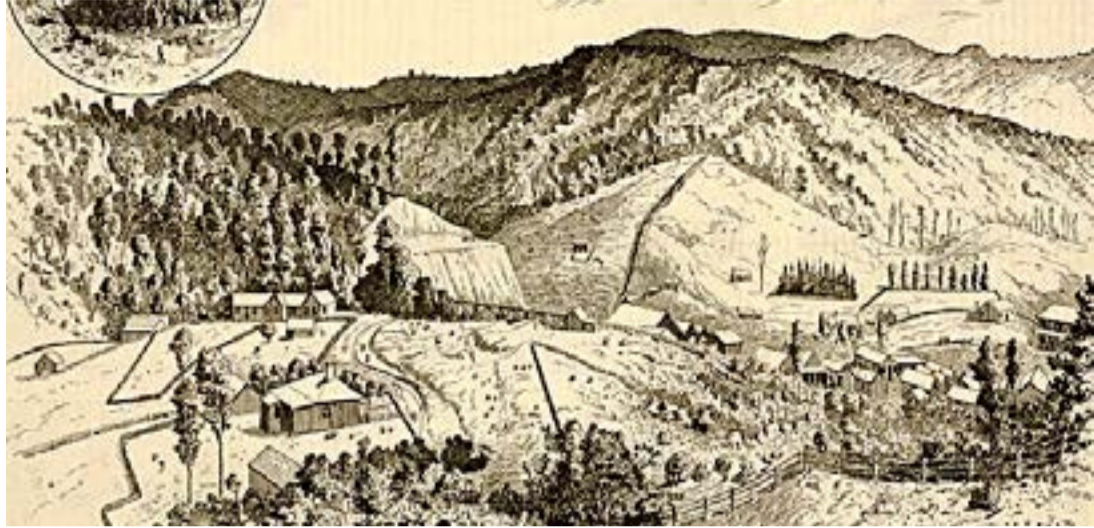
Waitekauri was becoming notorious for drunken rows and general disturbances. On one weekend there were some disgraceful exhibitions of rowdyism - windows broken, hotel furniture smashed and fights.

Detective Bailey and Constable Pardy (Waihi), arrived on the scene but were thwarted by the storekeepers and residents who "don't like to be dragged into it" or were "afraid it would injure business".

They refused to give any information to bring the larrikin ringleaders to their senses. At the same time they did not hesitate to complain when their own precious persons or property were in danger of molestation.

MINING BOOM

The mining boom had thoroughly set in at Hikutaia. Men were on the road coming from all directions, some in coaches, and some in buggies, some on horseback, and 60 on foot, all going to different parts of the



Waitekauri, 1896.

Photo: SUPPLIED

goldfield. At The Wires some 70 men were employed by the different companies.

The progress in the mining industry was also affecting Paeroa, which a few years previously was nothing more than a sleepy little village but had now sprung into a busy and flourishing township. On all sides, buildings were being erected and there was a permanent look about the new structures. All traffic to and from the goldfields passed through there and it was believed that the time was coming when Paeroa would become one of the largest towns in the colony.

BONES DISCOVERED

In a cave at Waikino, a discovery of bones of what had evidently been a gigantic bird or animal was made.

They were in a fairly sound state, though rather soft, owing to having lain so long in a damp place. They were forwarded to Wellington for examination. The cave was very large, and had been explored for a distance of some half a mile. Its full extent was not known.

NEW BUILDINGS AT TURUA

Three new buildings had been built at Turua, two comfortable six roomed cottages and a large building to be used as a store and Post and Telegraph office. This building would fill a long felt want as the present store and office had been built in 1869 and was getting very dilapidated besides being too small. When the *Natal Queen* finished loading timber at Turua and sailed for Melbourne, she just about cleared the yard of first class timber; not for

years had there been so little timber on hand.

GAS FILLS FIRE STATION

An engine keeper at Thames was startled when entering the Albert St fire brigade station to find gas escaping from every burner in the building, some person having opened all the taps.

The reading room, due to the door being closed after the taps were opened, was full of gas. Fortunately he did not strike a match, but had he done so an explosion would have occurred probably wrecking the station and inflicting serious injury on him. It was necessary that the station be easy to access and the person who turned on the gas apparently knew the rooms quite well. The matter was placed in the hands of the police.

Vibe gone, Mary St reopens

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

After more than two years, traffic is now able to journey down the length of Mary St.

One person even showed their support for the road re-opening by tooting their car horn as they drove through.

The Thames thoroughfare was partially closed to traffic for Thames-Coromandel District Council's Create the Vibe installation, but was reopened after the community board decided it was time to end the trial.

On Friday, August 18, the council posted on its Facebook page that works to remove The Vibe space had been completed and the road was now reopened. The area will remain under a 30kmh speed restriction, it said, and the planter boxes that were part of the installation were being taken to local schools.

Create the Vibe was 90 per cent funded (\$320,125.50) by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency as part of its Innovating Streets pilot programme, with the remaining 10 per cent (\$35,569.50) contributed from the Thames Community Board.

The board voted to dismantle it on August 2.



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A lifetime of dedication for Lions member

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Frank Fullerton has always been a people person.

Ask what he cares about most, and his community will be near the top of the list.

Now, the Ngātea resident has been recognised for his work with the Ngātea Lions Club, serving the close-knit rural community with projects, events and outreach.

The club chose to honour Frank with life membership, former district governor and club member Brian McMillian said, because he personified the values and ideals of Lions and was dedicated to enriching the Ngātea community.

“Community spirit is all about support and it’s very strong in Frank’s ideals,” he said.

“He’s the man with the ear on the ground of what’s going on in the community.”

Frank has been an active member of the group for 52 years, joining just a decade after the club formed in 1965. He has filled a number of committee roles in his time, but his main focus has always been hands-on service. Frank is the club’s almoner; providing support and wellbeing services to the elderly, bereaved, and ill.

“Those are the sorts of things that I enjoy - I love working



Ngātea Lions Club member Frank Fullerton has been awarded with life membership. His peers say he exemplifies the “culture and the values” of the service organisation. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

with people, and the older people especially,” Frank said.

“We’ve had in our pensioner homes here, people in our Lions Club who I’ve looked after and taken to their appointments. A bit of stability, that’s what I try to bring.”

A steadfast presence in the club, Frank has been involved in most of the Lions’ activities - including the now-defunct Ngātea rodeo, the annual kids’ community fun day, compost fundraisers, and firewood deliveries.

“I love working bees. I’m not so keen on the meetings and things,” Frank said.

“I was doing community work with the council and I got a bit sick of that ... and so I thought there was a bit of a change coming into Lions. You were part of

“Those are the sorts of things that I enjoy - I love working with people, and the older people especially.”

- Frank Fullerton

it, you were real, you were appreciated for what you did.”

It’s appreciation that the club is keen to show now as well.

“He doesn’t like the accolades, he likes to fly under the radar,” Brian said.

“[But] to have the services of Frank ... Frank has been instrumental.

“He just knows what levers to pull in different areas and just co-ordinates everyone to work with everyone else.”

Frank said he was surprised to be put forward for life membership, as he was simply happy to do what he could for the people he considered a second family.

“I’m no different to anybody else really,” he said.

“I didn’t anticipate it or anything but [someone] had gone back in the record and found all the things I’d been involved in over the years. That’s quite interesting because you forget yourself, what you’ve done.

“It’s been an interesting life.”



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Rural Life

Farmers' war history made way for freedom

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

Before becoming Kerepēhi farmers, James and Thomas Lynch lived a very different life.

The brothers both served in World War I, with James [Jim] part of the 2nd Otago Regiment, and Thomas [Tom] part of the Otago Infantry Battalion.

Tom was working as a plumber in Dunedin before the onset of the war, and during action on May 9, 1918, he was taken prisoner and transported to a camp in Germany. From there, he was moved to the Napoleonic Fort MacDonal in France which was known as the 'Black Hole of Lille'.

Now, Jim's son Willie Lynch is throwing his support behind a project that honours the Kiwi soldiers who sacrificed their livelihoods for the world's freedom.

The New Zealand Liberation Museum Te Arawhata will be officially opened at Le Quesnoy, France on October 11, more than 100 years after the end of World War I.

The museum, driven by the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust - Le Quesnoy, will be brought to life by Wētā Workshop, and will be based inside a historic 1890s mansion.

Willie, who was previously a chartered accountant in Paeroa, is a major patron for the project and said his appreciation for the sacrifices made by Kiwi soldiers has compelled him to throw his support behind it.

"The fact that our service-



Willie Lynch's father and uncle both served in World War I. Now Willie is calling on others to support a memorial museum opening in France this October. INSET: Jim Lynch, 1917. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU



field memorials on the Western Front at Longueval (France), Messines and Gravenstafel (Belgium), and a fourth memorial in a sculptured plaque on the ramparts at Le Quesnoy, however the museum trust said Aotearoa did not have a museum there where people could gather to reflect and remember.

Willie said it was a \$15m project that still required a final \$3m of donations to complete. To him, it was a "project of national significance".

Willie's dad and uncle arrived home from the war and, as was common for returning soldiers, were given land. There's was located in Kaihere, but the brothers' first attempt to estab-

lish farms was abandoned after several years due to the 'peat swamp' nature of the terrain.

Jim and Tom moved on to set up dairy farms at Kerepēhi on the Hauraki Plains and those farms are still in the Lynch family today, owned by Michael Lynch and farmed by his son Richard.

Their sister Eileen Leonard still owns and resides on the Leonard family farm in Ngātea, first settled in 1910 via a ballot purchase scheme for early settlers. Willie said Eileen's son Patrick and wife Kristin share-milk on the property as well as own another dairy farm at Mangatarata.

Tom's daughter Jo White-

head still resides in Thames, while records state that Tom himself died from a heart attack in 1954, after "running up and down a paddock waving his arms about chasing cows the day before".

Every shop in Paeroa was said to be closed for his funeral.

"It's only now that I've really had time to think about it all," Willie told *The Profile*, "and it's impossible to comprehend what their lives were like back then." **DETAILS: For more information about the New Zealand Liberation Museum - Te Arawhata project, or to donate visit <https://nzmmtlq.nz>.**



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Rural Life

Bulls for schools: funding bid for new van

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Hikutaia School's annual bull calf fundraiser is on once again.

The school has put out a call to local farmers, asking them to donate a bull calf to be auctioned off at this year's sales.

Last year, \$6000 was raised. This year, the school is hoping for a similar amount, which along with last year's money will allow the school to purchase a van.

Principal Wayne Whitney said the van would be invaluable for the school, enabling students to participate in more activities away from school grounds.

"We're forever asking for parents to help support us with transport to help get our kids to these locations that we need to," he said.

"Trying to get our whole class to an event, you'd need probably 10 parents to help out, and parents work as well."

Wayne said the calf fundraiser was a natural choice for the rural school, following the removal of its slinks run two years prior over health and safety concerns. Farming is a big part of life for much of the school's community, and he



Hikutaia School students have the school's 80th calf club event coming up. File Photo/VALLEY PROFILE

said it was important to bring that real-world experience into the school and make it accessible for the students.

"Our main study focus this term is looking at farming because we've got our 80th calf club day coming up," Wayne said.

"I'm a city boy, so when I

walked in and saw these calves and lambs and goats at school for the first time I was like, 'wow, this is pretty cool'."

As part of the school's farming study, children had been taken to a local farm to try their hand at milking, and producing butter, cream, buttermilk, and cheese.

"[For] a lot of these kids, milk comes from the supermarket. But last week they were like 'hmmm, milk comes from the cow.' That's opening up some of our city slicker kids' minds," Wayne said.

The school was grateful to the support it had received from the close-knit community

in recent years, he said, and he was hopeful farmers would continue to assist.

"We had a celebration breakfast for all the farmers last year ... they all got together so we could say thank you and what the money was going towards," he said.

"It all helps, it all accumulates. Without that support it's hard, it's tough."

Wayne was excited about the possibilities the new van would offer the school, especially now the national curriculum was more focused on local areas.

"What I'm looking forward to is exploring our local area a bit more ... it will be nothing to chuck a bunch of kids in a van and scoot off up the road," Wayne said.

"I'm all about real life learning, authentic. We want to get our kids hands-on and into seeing things. It's easy to sit in a classroom and Google it, but it's way easier to go there and do it."

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Rural Life

Freshwater plan to activate in 2025

A new requirement for farms over a certain size to have a freshwater farm plan has come into effect in parts of the Waikato and Southland, with other regions to follow over the next two years.

In the Waikato region, the requirement is being phased in by catchment, with regulations activated in Hauraki on January 1, 2025, and Coromandel on July 1, 2025.

Once the regulations are activated in their catchment, farm operators will have 18 months to develop and submit their first freshwater farm plan for certification.

Waikato Regional Council chair Pamela Storey said the region's food production was highly valued highly reliant on fresh water.

"Farmers in our region have made great strides over the years to clean up our waterways and revive wetlands – but there's still some way to go," she said.

"That's where freshwater farm plans come in. The new system introduces a more tailored and risk-based approach to farm planning that recognises every farm is different and moves away from one-size-fits all solutions."

Freshwater farm plans will be required for: all pastoral or arable land-use of more than 20 hectares; all horticultural land-use of 5 hectares or more; or any combination of these land uses equal to or greater than 20 hectares.

Regional council resource use director Brent Sinclair said: "We're working closely with the farming sector, Ministry for the Environment, our iwi partners and other key stakeholders to sup-



The freshwater plan schedule for Waikato. Image: SUPPLIED/WRC

port the transition to the new system". "One of our key roles is to work with our partners to make sure farmers have the information they need to navigate the new system, and to make available the catchment-specific information to reflect in their farm plans," Mr Sinclair said.

"Over time, freshwater farm plans are expected to become the central tool for farmers and growers to manage all their freshwater regulatory requirements."

A freshwater farm plan must identify the risks of adverse effects from farming activities on fresh water or freshwater ecosystems, and set out actions that avoid, remedy, or mitigate those risks. Farm plans will also need to be certified and audited.

For more information, including submission dates for all catchments in the region, visit: waikatoregion.govt.nz/freshwater-farm-plans.

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Papers for patients: Thames' perpetual volunteer

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Everyone at Thames Hospital knows Clyde Beaufill, although they may not know his name.

To most people in Thames, the 85-year-old is known as Beau. And he's a regular fixture at the hospital.

Clyde has been volunteering at or around the hospital for 20 years. His volunteer work began quite organically - when he retired as the hospital's groundskeeper in 2003, he simply never left.

"When I retired they asked me, would I like to drive the mobility vehicle?" Clyde said.

"So I started on the 7th of August, 2003 - I was there for 14 years."

Clyde's time with the mobility van was enjoyable, he said, taking people to and from medical appointments and social events.

"[The] stroke club was my main thing ... I looked after them until they dissolved a few years ago," he said.

"I just enjoyed all the things I did, and how thankful people were when I'd take them home or take them in the mobility van."

In 2008, Clyde also signed up to become a volunteer host at the hospital, greeting visitors and patients and answer-



Clyde Beaufill, known to most as Beau, is a familiar sight at Thames Hospital as he delivers papers, including *The Valley Profile* to patients. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

ing questions. He took on a further role as the hospital "paperboy" in 2013.

"I started doing a paper run around the hospital for the patients, waiting rooms," Clyde said.

"When I started, I used to come down to Carson's Bookshop and get some *Heralds*

and *Waikato Times* and take them back, and they had to buy them."

Clyde had to take a step back from volunteering in 2017, when he was admitted to Waikato Hospital. At the same time, Thames Mobility Incorporated was struggling to find people to run the van service, and the

decision was made to hand the vehicle over to St John.

"I had a kidney out. And I was out [of the hospital] about a week before we had the handing over ceremony to St Johns," Clyde said.

The van is now run by St John, and is still available for community use.

Clyde bounced back from his illness, and quickly took up his place again as a hospital host. The programme was canned when the pandemic hit; however, Clyde continued doing his daily paper run.

"There was no more hosting [but] I just carried on with the papers," he said. "The hospital vaccinated me, and I still do the papers every day. I've been doing them for 10 years."

Now, Clyde delivers all the local papers to the hospital, including *The Valley Profile*, as well as his bundle of paid daily papers every day.

"I just go over [to the bookshop] at 8 o'clock every morning and the papers are there, and I take them round," he said.

"I take one up to theatre, one to the doctor's lounge and I take the rest all round the patients."

Clyde reckons he will be a familiar face around the hospital for some time yet.

"The staff all know me, I've just done it all these years," he said.

"[And] I'm going to keep doing them now, while I'm able. Probably till Christmas anyway. I bought a (former) hospital house right beside the hospital. So I haven't got far to go."



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Too Many Chiefs will perform at Kauaeranga Hall.

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Blues, folk, jazz and country

Too Many Chiefs will perform at Kauaeranga Hall next month.

The group is made up of four of New Zealand's busiest singer/songwriters: Rob Joass, Andrew London, Wayne Mason and Charlotte Yates.

Their individual influences and performing styles range from blues and jazz to country and folk, often with an element of social commentary, personal reflection and occasional satire.

Andrew London's reputation stands mostly on his satirical and comedic songs which lampoon many of New Zealand society's obsessions, foibles and taboos, eliciting chuckles from audiences all over New Zealand, Australia and Norfolk Island.

Rob Joass is well known throughout New Zealand through his solo work and with his band Hobnail. He writes compulsively, tours incessantly, teaches guitar and produces albums for other artists, and is a

three-time finalist at the NZ Music Awards.

Patriarch of the group Wayne Mason (MNZM) has been instrumental in the formation and success of some of the most revered names in Kiwi music history. Rocking Horse, the Fourmyula and the Waratahs all owe their inception to Mason, who shows no signs of slowing the pace, or lowering the standard he set back in 1969 when he penned the song *Nature*, named by APRA in 2004 as Best Kiwi Song of the Century.

Charlotte Yates is an independent singer/songwriter and recording artist. She has released seven of her own solo albums, alongside extensive collaborative and compilation work and has completed projects honouring Hone Tuwhare, Witi Ihimaera and Katherine Mansfield.

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The Ohinemuri group of schools held their cross-country day at Hikutaia School on August 16. Students from across the district raced through muddy paddocks, on top of the stopbank and past fences to reach the finish line. Spectators and other racers lined the course to cheer on their teammates. The weather was perfect for running, but recent rains meant that all the runners, shod or not, came away with a thick layer of mud adorning their legs. Valley Profile reporter ALICE PARMINTER caught the action.



The 11 year old boys charged off the starting line, making a sprint for the first gate.



Liam Rawnsley, front, and Kayden Drent, put on a burst of speed.



Kiana Parata-Bidios from Hikutaia School



Ataahua Pikia, left, and Miriama Fatamaka.



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Cancer Society issues urgent call for public support

The Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty has issued an urgent plea to the public for support as Daffodil Day approaches on Friday 25 August.

The annual fundraiser is the largest event in the charity's calendar and comes at a time of rising client numbers.

So far this year, the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge has hosted record numbers of guests seeking cancer treatment, some who have travelled from as far away as Gisborne-Tairāwhiti, in order to receive treatment at Waikato Hospital.

The Lodge, which provides a regular shuttle to and from the hospital as well as all meals, is completely free to Cancer Society clients, and is just one of the many services provided to the community.

But as a non-directly government funded charity, community support around fundraisers like Daffodil Day are vital.

"We really need people to get behind Daffodil Day. The community has always been amazing in their support. Without it, we simply couldn't provide the services that we do," says fundraising coordinator Shay Rout.

"This year, we are urgently appealing to the community to sign up as a street collector. All it takes is just two hours of your time and we have dozens of sites to fill."

Rout is also hoping the commu-

nity can offer daffodils to be sold on Daffodil Day.

"Unfortunately, we were not able to secure the normal number of fresh daffodils this year for our street appeal so we are appealing to the community to get in touch if they have an abundance of daffodils growing.

"We need Daffodil Day to be a success. A cancer diagnosis is life-changing for people and their families. There's a lot of uncertainty – and for some there is fear. Our services can relieve a lot of the stress and also the financial burden when someone in the family has cancer."

Donate this Daffodil Day online at www.daffodilday.org.nz, at any ANZ branch during the month of August or when you see the street collector on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 August.

ABOUT DAFFODIL DAY

Since 1990, Cancer Society's Daffodil Day has symbolised hope for New Zealanders impacted by cancer.

This year, Daffodil Day will be recognised on Friday 25 August with a nationwide street appeal.

Funds raised during Daffodil Day help provide support services for people with cancer, fund ground-breaking research and deliver innovative health promotion programmes.

ANZ has been the principal sponsor of Daffodil Day in New Zealand since 1990.



Fundraising coordinator, Shay Rout is appealing to the public for their support this Daffodil Day. Photo: SUPPLIED

A YEAR OF IMPACT

Here are some of the ways Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty has supported people with cancer in our region over the last financial year, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the community.

9,442 the number of times our supportive care nurses were there to provide advice, information, advocacy and support to some-

one with cancer or their whānau; 79,732 kilometres driven by volunteers transporting people to treatment; 1,857 the number of guests at Cancer Society's Lions Lodge; 1,488 the number of attendees at Cancer Society supportive care programmes; 1,310 the number of new referrals to the Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty.

Month of yellow flower power

The Cancer Society of New Zealand is in full swing gearing up for its Daffodil Day street appeal on Friday 25 August.

The country is about to see a lot more yellow everywhere as the annual fundraiser and awareness-raiser, now into its 33rd year, hits airwaves, print and online channels. It culminates with 8000 yellow hi-vis-clad volunteers hitting the streets for collection.

So far more than 1600 individuals, community groups, schools and workplaces have signed up with fundraising activities of their own in conjunction with Daffodil Day, many involving getting kitted out in top-to-toe yellow as part of an event.

The Cancer Society is calling on the public to 'Give today so no one faces cancer alone'.

This year's fundraising campaign features the faces and voices of Cancer Society staff, volunteers, a cancer researcher, and cancer patients who have used Cancer Society services.

ANZ New Zealand Chief Executive Antonia Watson says staff are right behind the important work the Cancer Society does.

"Cancer impacts the lives of most New Zealanders and ANZ New Zealand staff are no different. We know our support of the Cancer Society is vital to ensuring New Zealanders across the country can continue to benefit from the support services they provide," Antonia said.

"Cancer is a tough subject to talk about, so this year we're using comedy to start a conversation while raising money for this important cause."



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Fundraisers to be held for cancer support

The Lions Club of Ngātea are holding their annual Cancer Support Morning Tea in the Ngātea Memorial Hall on Wednesday, August 23, with the proceeds going to Thames Cancer Support and the Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton.

Club member Bruce Foster said the club was also holding a street collection on Friday, August 25, in the Ngātea township to support the New Zealand Cancer Society.

The morning tea event, held in the Ngātea Hall, has an entry fee of \$7 and features quickfire raffles as well as three raffles drawn at the end of the morning.

A morning tea will be served and at the end, anything leftover will be available for sale.

"We're looking forward to seeing our regular supporters as well as new people to our district," Bruce said.

For further info, please contact Jill McIntosh, Ph 07 867 7373.

Meanwhile, a "sea of yellow" is heading to the Paeroa RSA, with the annual Daffodil Day lunch-

eon scheduled for August 28 at 11am.

Organisers Elaine Lally, Margaret Ramshaw and Joan Waterson said they had a number of queries already from people keen not to miss out.

"It's a sea of yellow: we've got yellow flowers, yellow balloons, we wear yellow sashes and daffodils," Margaret said.

The cause is one close to their hearts - Margaret and Joan are cancer survivors themselves.

"I've lost a neighbour, I've lost so many people," Elaine said. "So I think it's a really worthy cause."

There will be lucky door prizes, raffles and a guest speaker from the Cancer Society, followed by a 12.30pm lunch.

Last year, the luncheon raised around \$5000. Some of the funds raised came from bunches of daffodils, which were hand-picked by Joan and her team of helpers.

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Cathedral Cove opening remains uncertain

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

There's no "yes or no" answer when it comes to the question of Cathedral Cove's reopening.

The Department of Conservation, driven by concerns over landslides and rockfalls, will not reinstate the track ahead of summer.

It will be a further six to 12 months until the department knows "what the future" will be for the iconic tourist attraction.

"The track down to the cove is 3.8km long, and along that track there are 180 landslides, both recent and historic," DOC Hauraki-Waikato-Taranaki regional director Tinaka Mearns said.

"We've had rockfall as early as last weekend, so that's really showing the volatility of that site."

At a media conference on August 17, Tinaka, joined by fellow conservation staff and Tonkin + Taylor representatives, said that after the extreme weather events this year, the bays and tracks around the Coromandel cove had suffered significant damage.

Tonkin + Taylor produced a landslide risk assessment report, and "in a nutshell" described an ongoing risk of landslides and rockfall across the area, presenting a high level of risk of injury or fatality to visitors.

"While we anticipated this may be a likely outcome from the information we've received, we know it's not the best news everybody probably had their fingers crossed for.



The Department of Conservation will not reinstate the popular Cathedral Cove track ahead of summer.

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"The level of risk is really concerning to us, and we do want to couple that with what's practical to rebuild on the ground, but also what's resilient going into the future," Tinaka said.

"We are not at a point where we can clearly say 'yes' or 'no' [to reopening] at this point in time. We're saying 'no' for right now - the track will remain closed. Going forward, that's what we want to explore."

Within the next few weeks, visi-

tors will be able to return to the cove's beach via the sea - the Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve; however, the department of conservation said guests will be going at their own risk.

They are strongly urged not to go through the cove's famous arch, with debris falling from the natural structure as recently as August 12.

"Renewing access to Cathedral Cove from the sea allows people to go there, but we want to make

very clear there is still risk associated with going to this site and people need to inform themselves properly before visiting," Tinaka said.

"There is still potential for rockfall landslides at these sites, and we need to emphasise this to the public.

"You go at your own risk."

DOC will also decommission the toilet block at Cathedral Cove beach, while visitor numbers will be monitored by its Coromandel

district team.

"In light of a lot of this conversation, it's really about tempering expectations and what can be achieved in what period of time," Tinaka said.

"We are wanting to be transparent and honest, and we want to work with the community.

"[It'll] be six to 12 months until we know what the future will be."



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ENTERTAINMENT

60th anniversary just the beginning

Thames Music and Drama's latest show celebrates 60 years of musical theatre in Thames.

Written by Thames MAD president Diane Connors, *Judy White and the Seven Dwarfs* is an original jukebox musical.

The show features many hits from 1963, the year Thames MAD had its origins as Thames Operatic Society, later renamed Thames Musical Theatre, and then joined with Thames Little Theatre to form Thames Music and Drama.

As this show will tell, some fairytale origin stories are not quite so clear cut. Judy White is a spoiled brat and very self-centred - she takes what she wants in life - the latest being Cindy's fiance, Prince Charming. After running away, Judy meets some "little" people in the enchanted forest and makes herself at home.

A mischievous druid offers to send Charming and Cindy to the mythical land of "California", where they hope to find freedom and a change of scenery. Will they find what they are looking for in LA in 1963? And what happens when Judy arrives on the scene too?

The show acknowledges the history of Thames MAD while also looking forward to a bright future full of community and youth involvement. Two thirds of the cast are under 16 years old and many of them became involved with the theatre through



Sophie White, left, Brooke Madgwick, Chloe Bergersen, Alzora Taylor and Charlotte Perry play fairytale princesses in *Judy White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

Photo: SUPPLIED

ongoing youth workshops.

Previous attendees have had the chance to show off what they learnt, with many taking on lead roles in *Judy White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

Thames MAD aims to run theatre workshops for kids and teens during school holidays to give them a chance to learn a huge variety of skills. From acting, public speaking, dancing

and singing to stage directions and how it all works backstage.

"Youth workshops and mentoring are an important part of our ethos at Thames Music and Drama," Diane Connors said.

"I've been thrilled to see so many talented kids and teens giving it their all and doing a fantastic job.

"We have been going from strength to strength as a theatre

despite the challenges of the last few years, and having a strong youth presence along with our dedicated regulars is an important part of seeing that growth continue into the future."

DETAILS: *Judy White and the Seven Dwarfs: A Twisted Fairytale Musical* will be on at Thames Civic Centre from September 9-16, tickets are available online at www.thamesmad.co.

Sense and Sensibility in Hauraki

Austen Found: The Undiscovered Musicals of Jane Austen will stop in Hauraki for two shows as part of a national Arts on Tour New Zealand tour.

For her fifth Arts on Tour NZ, comedienne Penny Ashton (Olive Copperbottom, *Promiscuity*, *Sense and Sensibility - The Court Theatre*, *Hot Pink Bits*) is bringing along her most accomplished improvising friend; Lori Dungey (M3GAN, *Lord of the Rings*, *Xena*) and her most melodic musical maestro; Jamie Burgess (Canterbury Opera, K Rd Strip, Basil Fawlty) to perambulate the New Zealand countryside, spreading laughter and delightful bonnets as they go.

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DETAILS: **PAEROA:** August 29, 7:30pm Paeroa Little Theatre, Francis St, \$28 per ticket or \$30 at the door, tickets: *Arkwrights Antiques*. **WAIHI:** August 30, 7pm, The Theatre, Boyd Rd; \$28, Tickets: waihidadrasociety.co.nz.

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Winter windfall for Waihi community groups

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

The annual Waihi Nugget multisport festival, which ran on May 13, is distributing its profits from the race to community groups around Waihi.

"We raised \$13,000 on the day of the event to give back to the community, and we are distributing that amongst local groups as much as possible," race organiser Ali Howie said.

"[The race is] a bit of a fundraiser for the community, supporting the community and raising awareness, but also about bringing people to Waihi and them realising what a cool town it is."

One group, the Salvation Army, has received \$2000 worth of shelf-stable bulk foods, after the initial \$1000 Nugget foundation donation was matched by Waihi New World. "I went to talk to the owner of New World, saying 'hey look, I'm going to order 50 each of these items, it's going to be worth \$1000,'" Ali said. "And he said, 'well, I'll match it'."

New World owner Harminder Chahal said he was happy to contribute. "Everybody deserves to eat, have something on the table," he said.

"If people need it, they need it, it's not their fault they're in that predicament you know?"



From Left: Ali Howie, Harminder Chahal and Chris Moody with the food donation paid for by the Nugget Multisport and Waihi New World.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

"You've got to be able to help where you can."

Salvation Army Corps Officer Chris Moody said the donation was a boon to their food bank at a time when many people were struggling.

"Waihi has a lot of need. Sponsorship from the Nugget foundation plus our local

supermarket ... it's really cool that they want to support the local community."

The other major beneficiaries of this year's race are Sport n Action, who received \$5000 towards the Morgan Park sports complex, Waihi LandSAR who received \$2000, and the Waihi Beach surf lifesav-

ing club, which has been given \$1500. The Waihi Lions and St Johns Waihi each received \$1000, while \$500 each was distributed to the Waihi Beach coastguard, Westpac Helicopter, and the Māori wardens.



In Brief

FERRY STILL ON HOLD

Tough operating conditions in the wake of severe weather events and the challenges of managing an industry-wide shortage of skilled maritime workers have affected Fullers360's ability to reinstate the Coromandel ferry service for the summer. Fullers360 chief executive Mike Horne said the Coromandel ferry service remained a priority for Fullers360 to re-introduce when operational conditions allowed. "Coromandel town is a treasured destination for Fullers360, and one we have been sailing to for more than 20 years. We'll be factoring this route into our future business decision making."

SEWING BEES

Thames Boomerang Bags will be holding regular sewing bees at the classroom at the back of the Seagull Centre for the rest of the year to sew fabric bags from recycled material. Fabric is provided and some machines will be available. All welcome. The sewing bees will run from from 9:30am until noon on August 26, September 8 and 23, October 13 and 28, November 10 and 25 and December 8.

ROTARY QUIZ NIGHT

Thames Rotary Quiz Night will be held at Thames Bowling Club on August 26; 6pm registration; 6:30pm start; \$5pp, teams up to six people. There will be raffles, prizes, bar and hot food; with registrations now or on the night; email: thames.rotary@gmail.com. The Rotary Club of Thames has also changed its meeting nights to the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Gastronomics, Pollen St.

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Thames Valley overcame Poverty Bay, 24-17 at Te Aroha last Saturday to win their Round 2 match in the Heartland Championship. This was a hard-fought encounter and although the Swamp Foxes were not in their best form, their determination and persistence enabled them to take the honours.

After 15 minutes, Thames Valley were behind 0-12 on the scoreboard. It wasn't until the 34th minute that they were able to score. Hendrix Beazley sent out a long pass to Declan Barnett, who cut through on an angle and scored between the posts. Fletcher Morgan converted and then, one minute before the break, he kicked a penalty goal to make the half-time score: Poverty Bay 12 Thames Valley 10.

It was Thames Valley's turn to have the use of the wind in the second half and consequently the Swamp Foxes had far more attacking opportunities. Following a 50-metre dash by Harry Lafituanai, it was Sam McCahon's turn to make a powerful burst. Leroy Neels ended up with the ball and crossed the line for another very good five pointer. Morgan easily added the extra two points and the Valley went ahead 17-10. After 58 minutes, they were controlling the match and looked



A delighted co-captain, Cam Dromgool, is about to score for Thames Valley against Poverty Bay.

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far more threatening. Another good backline movement led to a delighted co-captain, Cam Dromgool scoring in a handy position. Morgan's conversion extended the lead to 24-12. Poverty Bay had the final say and fired one more shot to score an unconverted try to make the final score 24-17.

Thames Valley are now clearly in fourth place in the competition, one point behind North Otago, South Canterbury and West Coast, who have all had two bonus point victories. It will be a key game at Greymouth on Saturday when West Coast and the Valley battle it out to remain undefeated. Also at stake

will be, "The Game", a trophy introduced for competition between the unions last year and currently held by Thames Valley. In the curtain raiser, a gallant Thames Valley Vixens side scored three tries against Poverty Bay Turanga but the visitors were too strong and ran out the winners by 31-15.



Steve Broughton is one of several locals to perform this Friday.

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Variety concert

A group of local musicians will perform a free variety concert this Friday, August 25.

The Thames Music Group's fun variety concert by well known local performers promises to be light hearted and entertaining. Experienced and emerging musicians include: Steve Broughton and his band, including David, Barbara and Jacqui; Tararu Village entertainment crew: Barrie Stewart, Dawn Finch, Val Brannigan, Noeline Loader, Althea Hill and others; local young singer-songwriter Nur Peach; and Richard Moyle, piano with a playful rearrangement of a well known piece.

DETAILS: August 25, 12:15pm at St George's Church, Enjoy hot soup and a bun for \$5 after the concert. Koha is welcome.



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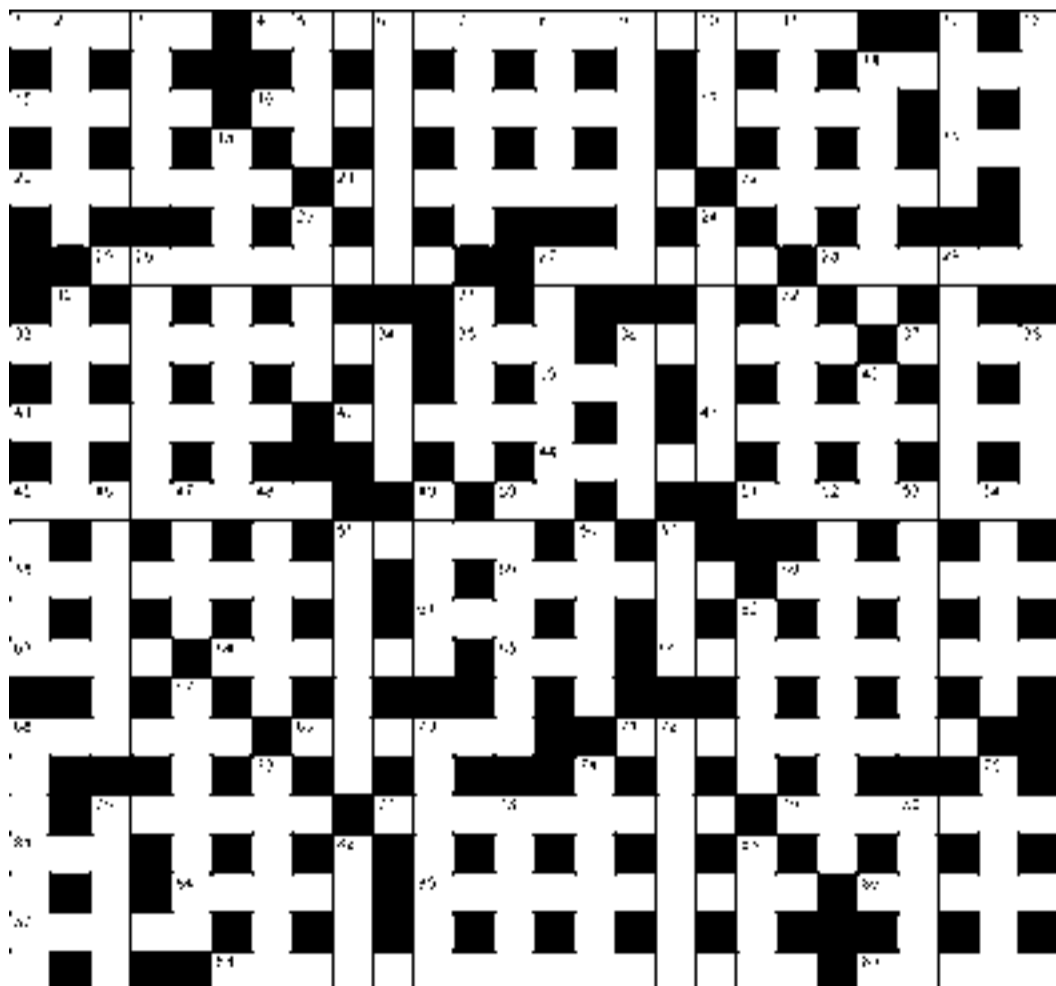
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Invited (5)
 - 4 Disclaim responsibility for (4,4,5,2)
 - 14 Range (5)
 - 15 Quarrel (5)
 - 16 Local dialect (10)
 - 17 Capture (5)
 - 19 Fitting (3)
 - 20 Charged cell (7)
 - 21 Fatigue (9)
 - 22 Round black hat (6)
 - 25 Udometer (4,5)
 - 27 Light gas (6)
 - 28 Car, in rhyming slang (3,3)
 - 33 Added note (10)
 - 35 Track circuit (3)
 - 36 Conviction (6)
 - 37 Wound crust (4)
 - 39 Sheltered side (3)
 - 41 Tool (7)
 - 42 Rebound (6)
 - 43 Befuddle, confound (9)
 - 44 With cunning (5)
 - 45 First showing (8)
 - 50 Exists (2)
 - 51 Star-shaped character (8)
 - 55 Scum (5)
 - 58 A lean trio (anag)(9)
 - 59 Counterbalance (6)
 - 60 Complicated, intricate (7)
 - 61 Hair cream (3)
 - 63 Cooking fat (4)
 - 64 Razors (6)
 - 65 Chopping tool (3)
 - 66 Knows by sight (10)
 - 68 Young hen (6)
 - 69 Say aloud from memory (6)
 - 71 Unbiased (9)
 - 76 Clippers (6)
 - 77 Clapped (9)
 - 79 Prospect (7)
 - 81 Large cask (3)
 - 84 Snow house (5)
 - 85 Quantitative data (10)
 - 86 Pry (5)
 - 87 Sleeve ends (5)
 - 88 Provide what is promised or expected (7,3,5)
 - 89 Hospital pictures (1-4)
- DOWN**
- 2 Small river (6)
 - 3 Burst out (5)
 - 5 High playing cards (4)
 - 6 Suspended (7)
 - 7 Silver-white metal (6)
 - 8 Hairdressing establishment (5)
 - 9 Spray can (7)
 - 10 Dotted cubes (4)
 - 11 Choice (6)
 - 12 Of the sun (5)
 - 13 Trestle (anag)(7)
 - 14 Varnish ingredient (7)
 - 18 Copy out by hand (10)
 - 23 Craze (5)
 - 24 Sleep song (7)
 - 26 Word of opposite meaning (7)
 - 27 Unlucky (7)
 - 29 Bathtub with water jets (7)
 - 30 Notepad (6)
 - 31 Not sharp (5)
 - 32 Skin (6)
 - 34 Sound horn (4)
 - 36 Precious stone (5)
 - 38 Dismal (5)
 - 40 Wearisome talker (4)
 - 45 Danger (5)
 - 46 Hold spellbound (7)
 - 47 Press (4)
 - 48 Library user (6)
 - 49 Forceps (5)
 - 50 Set apart (7)
 - 52 Considerate (10)
 - 53 Copy (7)
 - 54 Scandinavian country (6)
 - 55 Struck out (7)
 - 56 Bid (5)
 - 57 Equipment (4)
 - 62 Water body (5)
 - 67 Origin (7)
 - 68 Shield (7)
 - 70 Stalemate (7)
 - 72 Distinguished musician (7)
 - 73 Ventilation grating (6)
 - 74 Light porous volcanic rock (6)
 - 75 Remote territory (6)
 - 76 Smell (5)
 - 78 Fewest (5)
 - 80 Passenger ship (5)
 - 82 Asian desert (4)
 - 83 Etching liquid (4)



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ACROSS: 1 Curious, 4 Get-up-and-go, 9 Malaise, 13 Easy, 14 Tartan, 15 Nettle, 16 Savoury, 18 Yes, 20 Private eye, 21 Irrigate, 22 Girth, 25 Update, 26 Intone, 28 Just right, 33 Reversal, 34 Perish, 35 Wanting, 39 Frighten, 40 Sprout, 41 Rout, 42 Cater, 43 Scrap, 46 Tie up loose ends, 53 Melee, 56 Trait, 57 Acne, 58 Dashed, 59 Playmate, 62 Nominee, 63 Defect, 64 Acrimony, 67 Ostracism, 69 Svelte, 70 Cajole, 74 Ratio, 75 Complete, 77 Fall asleep, 81 Pen, 83 Balloon, 84 Robust, 85 Adroit, 86 Bass, 87 Destiny, 88 Well-heeled, 89 Girders.

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