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## A 'win' for women's rights



After a year of peaceful counter-protesting, Laura Hamilton, right, and Sylvia Blood are pleased a Safe Area around Thames Hospital has been created.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

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

Two women stood on a street corner adjacent to Thames Hospital almost every fortnight for a year.

As they brandished colourful signs, they were brought coffee, and car horns tooted in support.

Some passers-by didn't know their purpose, and had to peek at the placards which had words like:

'I support your right to choose'.

Now, Laura Hamilton and Sylvia Blood are thanking the community for their small acts of kindness which motivated them to see their mission through.

As of October 5, a Safe Area has been enacted around Thames Hospital, meaning certain behaviours that may be considered distressing to a person accessing or providing abortion services are prohibited.

It means pro-life protestors are unable to have a presence on the four streets surrounding the hospital.

"We were so happy, delighted, excited," Laura - who is pro-choice - said. "Knowing that, at this particular time, there's the power of the law on our side... it allows us to be in a position to hopefully change the narrative."

The government's Contracep-

tion, Sterilisation and Abortion Amendment Act came into force on March 19, 2022, and allowed for the creation of prescribed Safe Areas - which aim to protect the safety, wellbeing, privacy and dignity of people who are accessing or providing abortion services.

Laura and Sylvia, who stood on the street corner as a counter-measure to the pro-life protestors who also frequented the hospi-

tal boundary, got in touch with Thames Hospital to ask if it would be applying for such an area.

It did, in December, 2022.

"It took three months for the inspection from Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health... and a week before the inspection, I wrote a letter in support of the Safe Area on behalf of the community and attached a petition," Laura said.

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# Confrontation, vandalism at Tapu-Coroglen work site

Police have been called and private security guards are now in place after hours at the Tapu-Coroglen Rd roadworks site after hours following confrontations and vandalism on site.

The road has been closed since January after Cyclones caused large slips that washed out the road. "Disappointingly, there have been some recent incidents of vandalism to the contractor's plant and equipment, along with confrontation from some of the public towards staff," Thames-Coromandel District Council said.

"Council and our contractors have zero tolerance towards this type of behaviour."

Police had been involved in these recent incidents and would be called for any further incidents of this nature, council said. "We want to reinforce that this section of the road is completely closed to the public during this construction phase. Physical barriers are in place on the Coroglen end of the site, alongside private security guards after hours."

Meanwhile, council said works by Coromandel contractors Kelsey Construction and their subcontractors were progressing well and the project was back on track to see the road reopen before Christmas. The timber retaining wall has been completed, and placement of the first blocks has kicked-off the construction of the block wall below the road.



# A 'win' for women's rights

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"Within a week, we'd gathered over 100 signatures."

"We heard on September 21 that, after nine months from the application, the safe area was approved, and it's been enforceable since October 5. Meaning the activity that was occurring before with anti-abortion signs is no longer legal."

Across the country, only 11 providers of abortion services have Safe Areas in place, but Laura and Sylvia believe it to be a no-brainer for all abortion service providers to be free from harmful or hurtful behaviours from outside members of the public.

"Women should be able to have access to safe healthcare without being harassed, harangued, manipulated or threatened," Sylvia said.

"And it was not just the women who were going with their whānau or partner to a termination, but the women who had already been through that experience who were still seeing [the pro-life protests] playing out."

According to Manatū Hauora, the New Zealand Police will primarily be responsible for the enforcement of Safe Areas. A person convicted of engaging in prohibited behaviour within a Safe Area may be liable for a fine of up to \$1000.

Laura said the Police in Thames had been called just once since the Safe Area was put into place.

"I think [the protestors] didn't necessarily know the Safe Area existed," she said. "It was enforced on October 5, and on the 6th, [pro-life protestors] were on the corner. So, I contacted the hospital just to let them know and there was an immediate police response."

Prohibited behaviours include providing anti-abortion pamphlets or similar materials, and engaging in protest about matters relating to the provision of abortion services.

Sylvia and Laura believe pro-life protestors have moved to a new location in Thames, but were taking their absence from around the hospital as a "win".

"Personally, I don't think anyone should be on a street corner making any commentary



A map showing the Safe Area. Image: Manatū Hauora



Sylvia Blood and Laura Hamilton say the Safe Area around the hospital is a 'win'. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

around people's access to health care, including us," Laura said.

"Many people before us have had counter-protests and tried to lobby for free and unobstructed access to the clinic. So this is a huge win for reproductive rights," she said.

"Women accessing health care shouldn't be open to any public scrutiny."

**DETAILS: Applications for providers to request a Safe Area at their premises are opened periodically throughout the year. The next application round will be opened in February, 2024, then quarterly.**

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|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
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| <p>Morning: 4:02am 0.2, 10:22am 3.6</p> <p>Afternoon: 4:25pm 0.5, 10:45pm 3.4</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:13am, Sunset: 7:51pm</p> <p>Best At: 3:23am, 3:52pm</p> <p>Set: 8:04am, Rise: 11:45pm</p> | <p>Morning: 4:46am 0.4, 11:07am 3.5</p> <p>Afternoon: 5:12pm 0.7, 11:32pm 3.3</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:12am, Sunset: 7:52pm</p> <p>Best At: 4:20am, 4:48pm</p> <p>Set: 8:54am</p> | <p>Morning: 5:29am 0.5, 11:52am 3.4</p> <p>Afternoon: 6:01pm 0.8</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:11am, Sunset: 7:53pm</p> <p>Best At: 5:16am, 5:43pm</p> <p>Rise: 12:43am, Set: 9:50am</p> | <p>Morning: 6:14am 0.7, 12:19am 3.1</p> <p>Afternoon: 6:52pm 1.0</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:10am, Sunset: 7:54pm</p> <p>Best At: 6:09am, 6:34pm</p> <p>Rise: 1:31am, Set: 10:51am</p> | <p>Morning: 7:01am 0.9, 1:06am 3.0</p> <p>Afternoon: 7:46pm 1.1</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:09am, Sunset: 7:55pm</p> <p>Best At: 6:59am, 7:23pm</p> <p>Last Quarter, Rise: 2:12am, Set: 11:52am</p> | <p>Morning: 7:54am 1.0, 1:57am 2.9</p> <p>Afternoon: 8:43pm 1.1</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:08am, Sunset: 7:56pm</p> <p>Best At: 7:45am, 8:07pm</p> <p>Rise: 2:45am, Set: 12:53pm</p> | <p>Morning: 8:53am 1.1, 2:51am 2.8</p> <p>Afternoon: 9:41pm 1.1</p> <p>Sunrise: 6:07am, Sunset: 7:57pm</p> <p>Best At: 8:29am, 8:49pm</p> <p>Rise: 3:13am, Set: 1:53pm</p> |

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| PLACE       | Hr | Mn | HIGH | LOW |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Coromandel  | -0 | 04 | -0   | 03  |
| Whitianga   | -0 | 01 | -0   | 05  |
| Tairua      | +0 | 10 | +0   | 21  |
| Whangamata  | -0 | 03 | -0   | 05  |
| Waihi Beach | -0 | 12 | -0   | 12  |

# ‘Historic’: Māori wards voted in for HDC

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

On the day Hauraki District Council made the historic decision to include Māori Wards for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections, hundreds of iwi members, kaumātua, rangatahi, and tamariki gathered within chambers to celebrate.

“We can’t fix the past but we can change the future,” Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams said, “and the future is sitting with us here today.”

The momentous and “emotional” vote comes after council opted not to establish Māori wards in 2018, because back then, council said it didn’t have enough time with iwi to do the decision “justice”.

Now, Mayor Adams said it felt like “the right time for us as a district”.

“These are brave decisions, because there will be people who feel like it’s a wrong decision, but they are not always armed with the right information... but man, I feel like we are braver than Auckland City.”

One day after Hauraki’s historic vote, Auckland councillors voted 11-9 not to have Māori seats at the 2025 local body elections.

Mayor Wayne Brown abstained from the vote.

In contrast, at Hauraki District



Hundreds of iwi members, kaumātua, rangatahi, and tamariki gathered within Hauraki District Council to celebrate the inclusion of Māori Wards. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



Council’s October 25 meeting, Mayor Adams moved the motion after opening up the floor for a korero from the visiting iwi.

“It is a no-brainer,” Josie Anderson of Ngāti Hako said. “You do not need to be congratulated for taking this step when we have a Treaty that gives perhaps a legal obligation on councils to start creating a world based on a fair and just society.”

“But you’ve also got a damn moral obligation to ensure that all of our communities, and particularly our iwi and Māori communities, sit at your table. This is just another beginning, another step in a long road.”

Māori Wards allow voters on the Māori role to elect a representative to their local council. They sit alongside general wards and, in an earlier report, council said six of the 11 regional councils had Māori constituencies in the 2022 local

elections, while 29 of 76 territorial authorities had Māori wards. How many Māori wards Hauraki District will have is decided by a formula in the Local Electoral Act, based on the ratio of Māori electoral population to the total electoral population.

Based on that formula, it’s likely there may be two Māori wards in the Hauraki District.

After the vote was passed unanimously, a celebratory haka and waiata broke out around the council chambers.

Mayor Adams said he and fellow elected members thought it was

“one of the coolest days” witnessed in council.

“I think it’s been crystal clear how much I love the Hauraki and all that Hauraki represents.”

“Hauraki is where my home is, and this to me is a step in the right direction.”

The next step for council is to conduct a representation review to decide how many wards there would be in the next local elections, their boundaries, and how many councillors will be in each.



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# Sadness expressed after Hugh Vercoe dies

Waikato Regional Council has paid tribute to former councillor Hugh Vercoe, ONZM, QSM, who died over Labour Weekend aged 80.

The former artilleryman retired from local government politics in 2022 after 30 years.

He entered local government in 1992, chairing the Morrinsville Community Board for six years before enjoying 15 years as Mayor of Matamata-Piako between 1998 and 2013, and then nine years as a Waikato regional councillor for the Waihou constituency.

He chaired the Waikato Civil Defence and Emergency Management Joint Committee between 2010 and 2022, and Waikato Regional Transport Committee between 2013 and 2022.

In 2014 he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to local government, which followed a Queen's Service Medal awarded in 2007.

Waikato Regional Council Chair Pamela Storey, who served a term as councillor with Vercoe, described him as a passionate community advocate.

"Waikato communities were blessed with his service over many, many years. He brought insight and experience to every table he sat at.

"He was generous with his time and sage with his advice. He was the wise owl who would listen intently and give measured, meaningful responses that provided a clear steer, a clear direction, and a very clear point of view.

"Hugh advocated strongly for increased investment in civil defence in the region, and with a team of professionals on board he had total confidence that every aspect of an emergency would be managed well.



**Hugh Vercoe**

"He was proud of the significant growth and development in regional land transport. It was under his leadership of the regional transport committee that sign off was received for the completion of the Waikato Expressway, an enormous roading programme supported by government.

"Hugh also championed the launch of interregional passenger rail, and was pleased to see the steady growth in numbers on Te Huia.

"On behalf of the council, I'd like to extend our deepest sympathies to Hugh's family."

Vercoe brought to his political roles experience as a successful sheep, beef and dairy farmer at Tauhei, as well as business acumen as the owner of a Morrinsville finance company and later co-owner of a newspaper.

A Battery Commander of the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery, Major (Retired) Vercoe recently opened an artillery museum on his farm.

# Treatment for itchy dogs



By Asse Bosch BVSc BSc

"My dog is itchy." This is one of the most common phrases heard in vet clinics during the summertime.

The dog's coat can look normal, but often the skin is red, or grey-black and sticky. It can also have areas that are crusty and ooze a little, and occasionally you can see dandruff. Some dogs have concurrent ear infections and sore feet as well. They look miserable and can be quite unwell.

Fleas are generally the culprits, and you can usually detect these by looking through the coat over the dog's back just in front of the tail.

If you see fleas or small black crumbs (flea droppings), then all you might need is flea control. Excellent flea control products are Bravecto, NexGard Spectra and Simparica Trio, which all treat more than just fleas.

However, once the skin gets damaged from continuous scratching and biting, it starts to become more challenging to find out what the cause is.

Sometimes skin damage can be secondary to contact allergies (Kikuya grass and Wandering Jew are high on this list), or infection (parasites, bacteria, yeast, fungi, viral), which can be treated accordingly with anti-itch medication, antibiotics, and medicated shampoo.

Dogs with recurring yeast infections in their ears often do very well on BlackHawk fish and potato biscuits or Royal Canin Skintopic.

Most dogs recover fine after treatment or diet change.

However, just like people, some dogs may



**Fleas are generally the culprits for itchy dogs.**

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have more serious underlying medical problems that need to be diagnosed if treatment is going to be successful.

If a skin condition does not clear up or recurs frequently, then your vet can investigate further. Blood and urine tests can be done to assess a pet's overall health and check for hormonal diseases (like thyroid or Cushing's disease), often followed by skin scrapings, skin biopsies for histopathology, or ruling out food allergies with dietary trials.

Alternatively, they can offer a referral to a skin specialist for further workup or allergy testing.

If you are getting a new pup, always try to see the pup's parents, as skin issues can be inherited. Start pet insurance as soon as possible to avoid exclusion of preexisting conditions.

Itchy dogs can be expensive to treat, and sometimes a cause cannot be found. Fortunately, these days there are several anti-itch drugs available (Apoquel, Cytopoint) to treat chronic itchy dogs before they damage themselves, and with careful management, these dogs can have healthy and happy lives too.

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# Business minds

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

Paeroa College Year 10 students got a taste of the business world as part of the bp Business Challenge, coordinated by the Young Enterprise Trust.

The three-day experience was a hands-on learning event where students were introduced to entrepreneurship, developed their employability skills, worked in teams to come up with a business idea, and shared their ideas with business people.

The Profile's senior reporter Kelley Tantau was one of four judges on the final day on October 27, alongside Positive Paeroa's Janella Munns and Barbara Berry; AgriSea's head of sales and business development Tala Saxon; and Paeroa College teacher Diane Watton.

Seven school groups took part and each had nine minutes to present their product.

Among them was an innovative shoe company, a cellphone case brand that used solar power to charge, and an infinite ink pen product.

The overall winners of the challenge was Florents, a perfume company.

Teacher Sean Koller had been trying to get the popular business challenge to the college for a number of years, with this year being the first time it's run in Paeroa.

Programme facilitator Wayne Prince, who was in Hauraki for the three days, said he was impressed by the students' efforts and their ability to see the experience through.



Overall winners Florents with the judges and programme facilitators.

Photos: KELLEY TANTAU



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MAEAF's chief executive Phoenix Gage with teacher Diane Watton.



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Readers browse for a bargain at this year's Bookarama.

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## Zonta dusts off Bookarama event

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

Zonta Thames Valley's annual Bookarama drew a steady stream of bookworms and readers to the St James Church Hall, but while the fundraiser was a success, turn-out was down from 2022.

"We didn't do as well as last year," spokesperson Pam Harsant told *The Profile*. "It's hard to put it down to anything, but there is the fact we don't have as much through-traffic up to the Peninsula. We used to notice people that were passing through were often our customers."

"I don't think we suffered too badly, though," she said.

Roughly \$7000 was raised from the Bookarama in 2022, while this year brought in around \$5800.

Pam said the surplus of adult books were taken to the Seagull Centre in Thames, while the children's books were donated to a kindergarten in Te Puru.

This year, the money raised will go to-

wards helping women striving for careers in public affairs.

"We'll be promoting it around the high schools - for young girls looking for a community-involved, public type of career," Pam said.

"They can apply for a scholarship and get funding from us at a local level, plus they can be forwarded on to the nationwide award... then from that, they can get forwarded on to the worldwide one, and they can get a lot of money with that."

The Bookarama is Zonta Thames Valley's biggest fundraiser of the year, and Pam wanted to thank the continued customers as well as the local MenzShed, who built trestles to help the volunteers sort the books.

She said the group had about six members, and was always looking for more.

**DETAILS: For info on Zonta and how to get involved, find Zonta Club of Thames Valley on Facebook.**



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## Gothica Baby turns one

From "very small beginnings" back in November, 2022, Gothica Baby has since grown into a specialist boutique with more stock, more sales, and more customer support.

Sooz Gilmer began selling homemade gothic jewellery on Trade Me seven years ago but opened her physical store, Gothica Baby, at Goldfields Mall in Thames last year.

When the doors first opened, she supplied "some jewellery, a few T-shirts, some sunnies and some original artworks," but her stock has since grown.

"Our products now include tapers and stretchers, 3-D printed hoodies, a growing range of piercings, very cool handbags, and a range of stainless steel singles, as well as our T-shirts and womens clothing," Sooz said.

"We are constantly growing our range, we listen to what our customers want and, if we can, add the products they are looking for."

Sooz said people have been "really excited" about Gothica Baby and what the store sells.

"We are very unique and have something for just about everyone. I still love having new customers that walk in, look around and say: 'Wow'. It's a great feeling."

Gothica Baby will be celebrating its first birthday with daily in-store specials.

"[There's really great discounts across the store, but each one is only for one day. So, one day hoodies, one day stretchers and tapers et cetera.

"We will announce the daily special on our Facebook page each morning so follow us on Facebook to get our daily deal."

# Flooding in Waikino after fierce storm



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.

**1910**  
Waikino's main street was turned into a canal when a huge storm blew in with hurricane force from the east, bringing torrential rain to the Thames Valley.

There was seven feet of water in the shops on the main road and residents were removed from dwellings on rafts. The Ohinemuri River rose to such an extent that floods were far reaching, affecting all the townships along the Paeroa - Waihi railway, Karangahake and Waikino suffering considerably. A large part of Paeroa was submerged and people flooded out. A four-roomed house was washed away and along with outhouses, trees, and almost anything moveable. At the height of the flood the fires at the gasworks were extinguished, and the township was plunged into darkness.

The Ohinemuri River was fully 4ft higher than on the occasion of a previous greatest flood, which, by a strange coincidence, occurred on the same day the preceding year.



The main street of Waikino under water.

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The rainfall was described as abnormal. From 1907 there had been a marked increase both in heavy individual and heavy grouped rainfalls, extending over a period of two or three consecutive days.

**TENDERS SOUGHT**

Tenders were to be advertised in the Auckland papers for cutting a canal about two miles long in the Puhanga bend of the Piako River.

This would give employment to a considerable number of men.

This canal was designed to give the Piako River a straight run to the west of Kerepēhi, and would shorten the river's course by about two miles, cutting off a long curve which swept round by Kerepēhi. The mouth of the new cut would come out on the river above the Orchard (Ngatea). A large body

of water would be carried by the canal, and it would escape much more readily than by the winding river, so that the settlers who had taken up land in the vicinity would benefit greatly by this big work.

**NEW CHURCH**

A new Catholic church at Hikutaia was opened by Monsignor Gillan and dedicated to Saints James and John. The ceremony was a very fine one, and attended by a large congregation from all parts of the district. Mass was solemnly sung and to add to the beauty of the service a special choir from the Thames was present. The building, which was of a splendid style of Gothic, presented a handsome appearance.

The interior was remarkably well fitted up, giving one the idea

of a convent chapel. A special, and perhaps unique, feature of the church was the altar, which was of marble and Oamaru stone. The building and altar were designed wholly by Father Tigar, who also supervised the construction.

**ROAD PROMISED**

A promise of a Thames to Tairua road spurred 'Cyanide' of Tairua into print. He earnestly hoped Thames businesses would assist in getting this road pushed through at once as Tairua wanted to see the butcher and baker, and candlestick maker calling for their orders of a morning and a mail service that would take a letter to the Thames office in four hours instead of two and three quarter days. A fellow couldn't understand why there never was a decent road between the two places.

# Tale of two bridges

Steel plates purchased for the SMinden bridge on a Tauranga project have taken a detour to a new destination – the State Highway 25A bridge build in the Coromandel.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency regional manager of infrastructure delivery Jo Wilton said the urgency of the Kōpū-Hikuai Rd project meant a dynamic approach to reconnecting both sides of the Peninsula. The problem: how to quickly construct a 124 metre, three-span bridge expected to be open to traffic by March, 2024.

This is where Tauranga's Takitimu North Link project came into the picture, with Waka Kotahi agreeing to redirect the steel plates purchased for one of the Minden Rd bridges to fabricate the beams for the SH25A bridge instead.

"These plates weren't due to be fabricated into beams for installation at the Minden site until a next year so were able to be repurposed for SH25A and still replaced in time to meet their revised programme," she said.

"The bridges on both projects are designed with steel beams of a very similar profile. There are slight dimensional differences however the steel thicknesses are equal for the most part.

"It is a great example of collaboration and prioritisation to support those communities with the greatest need in a timely way. And frankly, the SH25A bridge wouldn't be getting built this quickly as it is without this kind of thinking."

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# Fluffy friends

Despite the grey skies, the tamariki of the Hauraki Plains looked cheerful as they gathered at Ngatea Primary School on October 25 for Calf Club group day. The annual event included students from Ngatea Primary School, Kaihere School, Turua School and Waitakaruru School, who gathered with their calves, lambs and kids. They were put through their paces with leading, calling, and obstacle events, and judged on their rearing and handling. **ALICE PARMINTER** joined the herd.



Ngatea students Fergus Tate with his lamb Rocket, and Kian Rangihika with Bingo the kid.



Ngatea students form an impressive line up with their calves.



George Harris and calf Raven, from Ngatea.



Jethro and Vann Schouten with Jeff and Twig, and Hazel and Arlen Reneti with their Bambi and Greg.



Alyssa Hill from Ngatea Primary School with her pet Tilly.



Kaihere School students Jaden Morley and Sophia John with their calves Mystery and Clover.



Students prepare their lambs for the show ring.

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# Rural Life

## Relief milker raffle for playcentre

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

Farm owners or workers needing an extra pair of hands this holiday season can look no further than a fundraiser being held by Turua Playcentre.

Mother-of-three and experienced dairy farmer Briana Joynt has offered to relief milk on December 31 and January 1 - with the money raised from raffle sales going towards some "much-needed" play equipment for the Raratuna St centre.

"I offered it up because fundraisers can sometimes be quite a lot of work for not a lot of gain, so I was hoping I could go work a weekend and get a few ticket sales and get decent money," Briana said.

"I wanted to do something to help, and I thought if I raffled off myself, there would hopefully be some interest."

Briana relief milks across properties throughout the Hauraki-Thames Valley, and has 17 years of farming experience. She had her start in Whangārei before she worked in Hikuai, Opoutere, and Kaitiā.

She said the relief milker fundraiser could be a big help over the Christmas period.

"Time off for anyone is important, and for those who are business owners, I know how hard it is to find someone to [relief milk], let alone pay for someone

to do it," she said.

"I was also trying to put it across to any workers that, if their boss was happy for me to come in and milk, they could maybe get the New Year's off.

"It wasn't just open to self-employed people in any sense."

The raffle is drawn on November 15 but only if the ticket sale goal is reached. Briana said uptake was slow so far.

"I've been a little disappointed with the response, in all honesty, so at this point, it's not being drawn," she said. "We'd love to boost the sales."

Turua Playcentre committee member Natasha Cairns said the raffles could make good Christmas presents for a farm owner or worker.

"It is a bit of a unique fundraiser in that, while we have a big farming community, there aren't heaps and heaps of farms for the number of sales," she said.

"It is a big ask for Briana to do this - she's got three little ones - and so to have her give up her time over the New Year and do this for our small playcentre is really appreciated."

**DETAILS: To purchase your \$15 raffle ticket to support Turua Playcentre, email [turua.playcentre@gmail.com](mailto:turua.playcentre@gmail.com).**



Briana Joynt has collaborated with Turua Playcentre for a 'unique' relief milking raffle. She's pictured here on her wedding day. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Chisholm to speak

The Rural Support Trust is bringing farmer and TV personality Matt Chisholm to Ngatea as part of its Time Out Tour.

The event on November 9 aims to help rural communities continue the conversation about mental health.

"Chisholm has had personal experience of mental health struggles, and the Time Out Tour gives him a chance to share with rural communities how he found a way through," the trust said.

"Matt might have removed the biggest stressor in his life when he left the newsroom, but his struggles continued. Eventually, he was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder."

Matt signed on as the Trust's inaugural Ambassador in 2022 and has been on a nationwide tour talking about mental wellness and resilience. So far, he has visited 30 rural communities and connected with more than 4000 people during the nationwide tour.

Chisholm has openly shared his mental health struggles. Through the tour, he has been talking about his personal experiences and how he found a way through. The talk will also look at ways rural communities can support each other, what tools are out there and how people can help other people struggling.

**DETAILS: Time Out Tour, November 9, Ngatea War Memorial Hall. R15 event. Tickets are free, registrations essential. Doors open at 6pm. See [events.humanitix.com](https://events.humanitix.com) for tickets.**

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# Rural Life

## ‘Plan ahead’ for El Niño summer

The Waikato & South Auckland Primary Industries Adverse Event Cluster met last week to discuss the climatic conditions and outlook for this season.

In September, NIWA reported El Niño conditions were present in New Zealand and predicted it would remain throughout the summer, with a 75 per cent chance it will persist through autumn, 2024.

For the Waikato and South Auckland regions, this meant it was likely temperatures would be near or above average, rainfall below normal, with stronger winds and below normal soil moisture levels.

Waikato Rural Support Trust Chair Neil Bateup said it was important for farmers to plan ahead for what El Niño may mean for animals, feed supply and farm.

“Wrap your support team of rural professionals around you,” he said. “Our farmers and growers may face compounding issues because of the lingering impacts of the difficult wet weather events since winter, 2022, low commodity prices, high on farm inflation and high interest rates.”

Waikato Federated Farmers’ Keith Holmes said farmers and growers should plan ahead early.

“Economic factors may mean that some will not be able to buy their way out of feed shortfalls,”

he said. “Consider crops, silage or maize contracts now before the dry weather settles in.”

Alan Cole, of Auckland Federated Farmers, added: “Over the coming season, livestock farmers need to keep in touch with their processors to ensure animals meet requirements and processing availability”.

This year, the new Drought Forecasting Dashboard developed by NIWA and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) provides a better forewarning on what the next 35 days will look like.

The tool, which can be found online at [shiny.niwa.co.nz/drought-forecast](http://shiny.niwa.co.nz/drought-forecast), gave an opportunity to develop a plan, including decision points, and allowed farmers to remain in control of their farming operation whichever way the weather goes, Neil said.

“The Rural Support Trust has been actively planning with cluster members that include the Ministry for Primary Industries, Federated Farmers, DairyNZ, Beef+Lamb, Rural WomenNZ, Waikato Civil Defence Group, Auckland Emergency Management, Ministry for Social Development, and others.

“There is no need to feel alone as there is always someone who you can talk to and there are ways to work through it.”

**DETAILS: More info: [www.rural-support.org.nz](http://www.rural-support.org.nz) or Ph 0800 787 254.**

## Thames Festival creates interest

Thames’ first Festival consisted of a variety of “compelling” speakers all on their own predator control journeys.

Held on October 19 at the Thames Civic Centre, the Boosting Biodiversity Festival provided attendees with the latest information and advice to encourage new and existing community trapping groups in the Hauraki-Coromandel area.

NZ Landcare Trust’s Waikato catchments coordinator Ric Balfour said first up to speak was Aaron Pulford, crew leader for the Predator Free Hauraki-Coromandel Community Trust.

He was followed by Narisa Kirby from Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari; Hadyn Steel of NZ AutoTraps; and TrapNZ’s Andy Saunders - who spoke on the ways that IT was being incorporated into traps, bird counts, data collection, and reporting.

Andrew Sinclair from Predator Free (PF) Franklin then covered his group’s efforts to tackle mustelids and cats, while Phil Wilson from PF Pauanui Lakes Resort shared his experience with setting up and running the trapping programme across the resort, the neighbouring golf course and surrounding forestry block.

Waikato Regional Council biodiversity officer Andrew Thomas spoke next, followed by Maree Limpus and Shania Hills from DOC, who had a special VR Goggle set up to learn about Kauri Dieback Disease. They also brought local lizard legend Doug Ashby



Ric Balfour, left, presents a Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari family pass to Hadyn Steel from NZ AutoTraps. Photo: SUPPLIED

along with his collection of geckos.

“During the break, a range of displays kept the curious busy and Pare Hauraki Native Nursery and Trap Build provided a chance to buy a mustelid trap and get a free manuka seedling to take home,” Ric said.

“Their display was complemented by Jo Buchan’s Trees for Survival.”

Thames Coast Kiwi Care also supported the event with free A24 traps, while the Thames Menzshed were also on hand with their rat trap tunnel boxes.

“The event created quite a buzz and it is hoped a Predator Free Thames group will come out of the enthusiasm shown by so many locals,” Ric said. “Finally, a special thank you to Transition Town Thames for sponsoring the venue hire.”

The NZ Landcare Trust supports biodiversity efforts at all levels in the community, whether in the bush, on the farm, or around town.

**DETAILS: For more info contact: Ric Balfour on 027 555 3099 or [ric.balfour@landcare.org.nz](mailto:ric.balfour@landcare.org.nz)**

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# Fibre, metal and landscapes to feature

Thames Art Gallery will host several guest artists during November the month of at its Tararu gallery, including Val Enger, Raewyn Penrose and Virginia and Stuart Angus.

Val Enger started painting when she was at college, then 10 years ago she picked up the brushes again and has recently completed three years at Browne School of Arts in Auckland.

She uses acrylics and quite often paints on the floor to achieve the flow of the paint and the mixing of colours, it is the colours that stimulate her.

Her work is mainly based on landscapes, which are usually spontaneous, and she likes to express the rhythm of the land and the colours, a reminder that there is beauty all around us. Val has residences in both Onemana and West Auckland and the opposing coasts are a great source of inspiration for her paintings.

Raewyn Penrose is a professional fibre artist based in Coromandel Town. She is from a background of wool crafts and weaving and became totally "hooked" on the felt making process in the early 90s. She likes to describe felt-making as "painting with wool", using fine New Zealand merino wool with other natural fibres such as silk.



Landscape artist Val Enger, left, and fibre artist Raewyn Penrose will exhibit their work at Thames Art Gallery this month.

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Raewyn considers fashion clothing and accessory design as her first love, but through this love of her art she also creates wall art, furnishings, mood lighting and carry bags, to name just a few of her talents.

Recently she has enjoyed incorporating screen printed decoration in her work.

Felt-making has taken Raewyn to many interesting places around the world where she has taught and exhibited. Her

workshops at the Thames Art Gallery are always very popular and book out very quickly.

Virginia Angus trained as a graphic artist at Wellington Polytechnic, after which she worked as a fashion artist in retail stores and advertising agencies in Wellington, Auckland and London.

Stuart Angus became interested in welding and metal-work while working for a light engineering company in Lon-

don. Over the years, he has continued working with steel and copper, producing some spectacular sculptures.

After 46 years of working on a 10 hectare property, they both realised that Auckland was fast coming to them in Riverhead, north of Auckland. They found the perfect place and continue to work in Katikati, producing beautiful work on a much smaller scale now they're older.

"We love the country and

always find beauty of all the countryside very stimulating for us," Virginia said.

"We are delighted to be exhibiting at the newly-refurbished Thames Art Gallery. It has been carefully painted and restored and a joy to visit. The people of Thames should be very proud of it."

**DETAILS: Thames Art Gallery, 604 Tararu Rd, open weekdays: 10am-2pm, weekends: 10am-4pm, entry is free.**

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# Sprinkling fairy magic over show

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

Take a peek in Mikkelsen's Gallery, and you could be forgiven for thinking you'd wandered into another realm.

Visitors to the Into the Garden art exhibition, opening on November 2, can expect to be greeted by a life-sized fairy, arms outstretched as she reaches for a butterfly.

The whimsical sculpture stands 155 cm tall, with a wingspan of 2.5 metres. Despite being constructed entirely of stainless steel, she looks ethereal and delicate, ready to flutter off at a moment's notice.

Paeroa steel fabrication artist Mark Hayes said the fairy's creation was complex and time-consuming, and her very existence happened purely by chance.

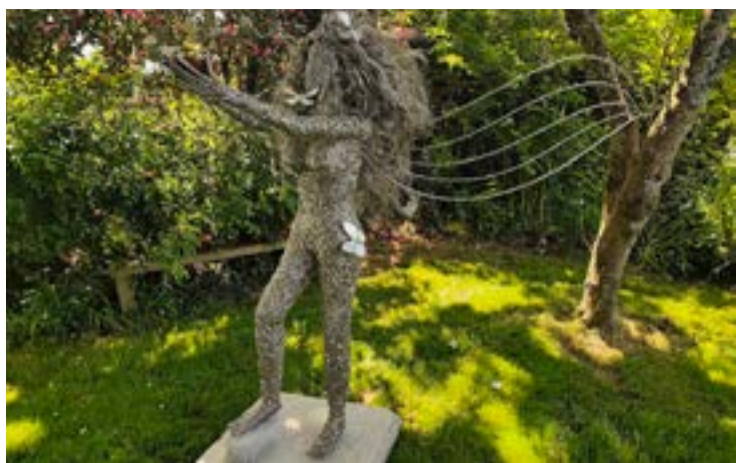
"A client came to me a few years ago wanting a dandelion made - she had some technical photos and we thought this shouldn't be too much of a problem," Mark said.

"She said, 'I really like this little fairy that's holding the dandelion.' It probably should have been a fairy only two feet tall, but somehow in the development of this project it became a life-sized fairy."

The dandelion fairy was spotted by gallery owner Wendy Mikkelsen, and the pair immediately decided Mark should create more.

The butterfly girl now gracing the gallery was Mark's second; the framework for a third is in construction.

"They are quite a complicated piece of kit; there's a lot of internal structure in these fairies," Mark said.



The life-sized, naked butterfly fairy sculpture, composed of stainless steel and wire, is one of Mark Hayes' most complicated creations. Photo: SUPPLIED

"Probably the biggest lesson I've learnt is that everything has to be perfect before you even start weaving the wire onto them, or else that mistake just becomes ten times more noticeable.

"No matter how hard you beat them with a hammer, there's no way you can get some of the mistakes out."

Each fairy takes close to 200 hours of work to complete - and Mark said that was a conservative estimate.

"When it comes to the wire that's being used, we measure it by the kilometre. I'll have a couple of hours spare and I'll sit down and put 50 metres of wire into a fairy. And I'll step back and not even be able to see where I've gone," he said.

"When we first thought of building them, I thought I'd just put them on a little stand and spin them, and we're just going to wind the wire around and we'll be done.

Well, that lasted about 30 seconds, and then I had wire all over the workshop in big coils and knots.

"All the wire has to be woven in." Mark said it was great to collaborate with Wendy again on the fairy, just one of the garden-themed pieces to be displayed in the gallery over the next two months.

"[The fire in 2022] really knocked Wendy, because she lost [husband] Steve a little bit before this and then the fire came ... everything sort of stopped for her," Mark said.

"She has done an amazing job with getting everything up and going again.

"Wendy is usually my partner in crime, coming up with these crazy sculptures. We've done all sorts through the years, nothing surprises me any more."



Life members Margaret Stockley, Pauline Luxton, and Shirley Coombe. INSET: Lisa Van Noordt presents Pauline Luxton her life membership badge.

## Floral art group's 50th year

The Thames Valley branch of the Floral Art Society of New Zealand celebrated its 50th jubilee at the Ngatea Memorial Hall in September.

The group consists of floral art clubs from Katikati, Matamata, Morrinsville, Thames, and Waihi, and area president Lisa Van Noordt said the celebrations were held in conjunction with a day when the five clubs meet and have floral design competitions.

"The theme for the day was 'Golden Celebration' and Thames club ladies displayed a high standard of design, reaping several awards," she said.

The area's two life members, Margaret Stockley and Shirley Coombe, gave a speech about how the group started. Then, Lisa presented a new life membership to Pauline Luxton from Morrinsville.

"Pauline has given much to the area since 1989. She was pre-

sented with her life membership badge and a large bouquet of flowers. Then after a toast to the area, Pauline was asked to cut the cake with the other two life members," Lisa said.

Around 95 past and present members were in attendance, and Lisa said the day was a success, with "much laughter and reminiscing".

"A special thanks to the Ngatea playcentre ladies for helping us in the kitchen, so our own members could join in the celebration."

**DETAILS: Thames Floral Art would like to welcome new members to join the club, which was established 40 years ago. Workshops are held each month, with tutors teaching the latest trends and ideas in floral design. The group meets on the third Monday of each month at 10.30am at the St James Church, Pahau St. For further info, please contact Pam 021 2013787.**

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SPORTS

# ‘Punisher’ to face China’s Nuerlang

**BOXING**

By ANDREW CONNAUGHTON

Hauraki’s very own, Francis Waitai, Super Middleweight Champion of New Zealand and WBC Australasia Silver Belt holder, is back in action next month and is set to take the next big step in his career.

The much-anticipated return of the Kiwi boxing sensation has fans on the edge of their seats. Waitai is scheduled to face off against the formidable Wuzhati Nuerlang, nicknamed ‘Ozat’.

Nuerlang is China’s reigning Super Middleweight champion and the holder of the coveted WBO China Light Heavyweight Title.

This 10-round fight is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 25, in Chongqing, China, with the fighters competing for the WBO Oceania Title. This thrilling match is expected to captivate boxing enthusiasts worldwide.

With his eyes on the global stage, Francis Waitai, known as ‘The Punisher’, is eager to advance his standing in the world rank-



Francis Waitai, left, will face China’s Wuzhati Nuerlang.

ings. His coach, Shaun George of Team George Promotions, is elated about this opportunity for Waitai.

“This is a defining moment for Francis to exhibit his exceptional skills to a much wider audience and prove his calibre,” he said.

As a proud holder of the WBC Australasia Silver Belt, Francis Waitai has already showcased his remarkable talents in the ring.

His upcoming bout against Nuerlang promises to be an epic showdown between two highly skilled pugilists.

Waitai’s fans in New Zealand and around the world eagerly await this clash of champions, which is set to raise the bar for super middleweight boxing.

Stay tuned as these two champions prepare to leave it all in the ring, demonstrating the true spirit of sportsmanship and the pursuit of excellence in the world of professional boxing.

Further details in regard to live streaming of this epic encounter will be announced soon, search for Francis Waitai on Facebook.



Photos: SUPPLIED



Held during the half-time final of the Bunnings NPC, Swampy won the 100-metre mascot race ahead of other iconic mascots. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Swampfox mascot fastest on field

**HEARTLAND RUGBY**

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

It turns out foxes are indeed the fastest on the field with Thames Valley Rugby’s mascot - Swampy - dominating during the infamous Mascot Race.

Held during the half-time final of the Bunnings NPC (National Provincial Championship) on October 21, Swampy

led the 100-metre charge and made it to the goal line ahead of other iconic mascots like Northland’s Taniwha, Auckland’s Seagull, and Wellington’s Leo the Lion.

Not only did Swampy cross the finish line first, the Thames Valley mascot - whose real identity *The Profile* has agreed to keep secret - did some celebratory push ups while other

racers tussled on-field.

Thames Valley Rugby Union’s community rugby manager Scott Day said it was a massive achievement to win the mascot race, with Swampy receiving a lot of attention throughout Aotearoa following his sprint.



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**Thames Valley Touch AGM**  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023  
3PM  
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**Kerepēhi and Pātetonga community drop-in sessions**

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**Kerepēhi** - Wednesday 8 November, starts 6:30 pm at the Kerepehi Hall.

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**Council Land Drain Maintenance Programme**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Hauraki District Council Drainage Bylaw Clause 10.1, that Council's annual drain maintenance programme will operate from November 2023 to June 2024.

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**Extraordinary Meeting of Hauraki District Council**

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Hauraki House, 1 William Street, Paeroa.

**Extraordinary Meeting of Council**  
For the purpose of adopting the 2022-23 Annual Report on Tuesday, 31 October 2023, 9.00am

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**Hauraki District Council Meetings - November 2023**

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of November 2023 in the Council Chamber, Hauraki House, William Street, Paeroa unless otherwise stated.

**District Licensing Committee**  
Thursday, 2 November 2023 - CANCELLED

**Western Plains District Drainage Committee**  
Thursday, 2 November 2023, 10.30am  
Ngatea Service Centre

**Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee**  
Thursday, 2 November 2023, 1.00pm  
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**Regulatory Hearings Committee**  
Monday 6 November 2023, 9.00am (if required)

**District Licensing Committee**  
Reconvened Hearing: Application: Basraz Ltd  
Tuesday, 7 November 2023, 10.00am

**Planning Committee**  
Monday, 13 November 2023, 9.00am (if required)

**Adaptive Planning and Emergency Management Committee**  
Monday, 13 November 2023, 1.00pm

**Regulatory Hearings Committee**  
Monday, 20 November 2023, 9.00am (if required)

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Wednesday, 29 November 2023, 9.00am

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## Acknowledgement



**SHAW, James Roger (Jim):**  
Lynnette, Jan, Gael, John, their partners and families would like to take this opportunity to extend their deepest thanks for the kindness and support shown after the recent sad loss of Jim. Thank you to those who sent cards, messages, flowers and food we are truly very grateful. As per Jim's final wishes, which we respected, we had a lovely private service and celebration of his life and achievements with his family and close friends whom many had spent special times with him during his illness. Special thanks to Waihi Lifecare's amazing staff, Twentymans Funeral Services and Mayor View Volunteer Fire Brigade. Your care and thoughtfulness was so kind and respectful.

## Death Notice

**FORSYTH, Karly Marie:**  
We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our darling Karly on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2023; aged 17 years. Suddenly a heart of gold stopped beating, our brave wahine toa has left a huge void in our lives. Beloved daughter of Brad and Ange (nee Hancock), strong and cheeky little sister of Lara. We will miss you terribly Karly. A special thank you to the staff at Starship Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. *In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Starship Children's Hospital at [starship.org.nz](http://starship.org.nz) and Ronald McDonald House at [rmhc.org.nz/donate](http://rmhc.org.nz/donate).* A celebration for Karly will be held at the Ngatea War Memorial Hall, Orchard West Road, Ngatea, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at 11am, followed by private cremation.



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**Found dog seeks loving home**

**PET PROFILE**  
 By **KELLEY TANTAU**, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air  
 The loveable, slightly mischievous, Baxter is *The Profile's* next Pet of the Week, and he is desperately looking for his new forever home.  
 "Baxter was found roaming in Waihi and our team was very surprised when no owner came forward to collect him – that was back at the beginning of August," Hauraki District Council's animal control officer said.  
 She described Baxter as an energetic lad, around one-year-old.  
 "He is quick to learn and would benefit from some basic training. He does get into mischief if left to his own devices for too long but is great if he has another dog to play with," she said.  
 Baxter needs room to run and play and preferably an experienced owner.  
 "He is handsome, loyal, and has a great personality and cool 'Dalmatian' spots."  
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 Dr Peter has established and run the practice for 25 years before handing the reins over to chiropractors Drs Timothy and Charlotte Jack in late 2021. Now back for a 3 month stint locuming in his old practice, it's great to see the much loved Dr Wass looking after the community again.  
 We also have the amazing Dr Aimee Sims joining us to help us look after the community as effectively as possible. Having worked in Auckland for the last 3 years, Dr Aimee has seen the light, and has moved to our wonderful community. She has a particular love of looking after children and the elderly in practice.  
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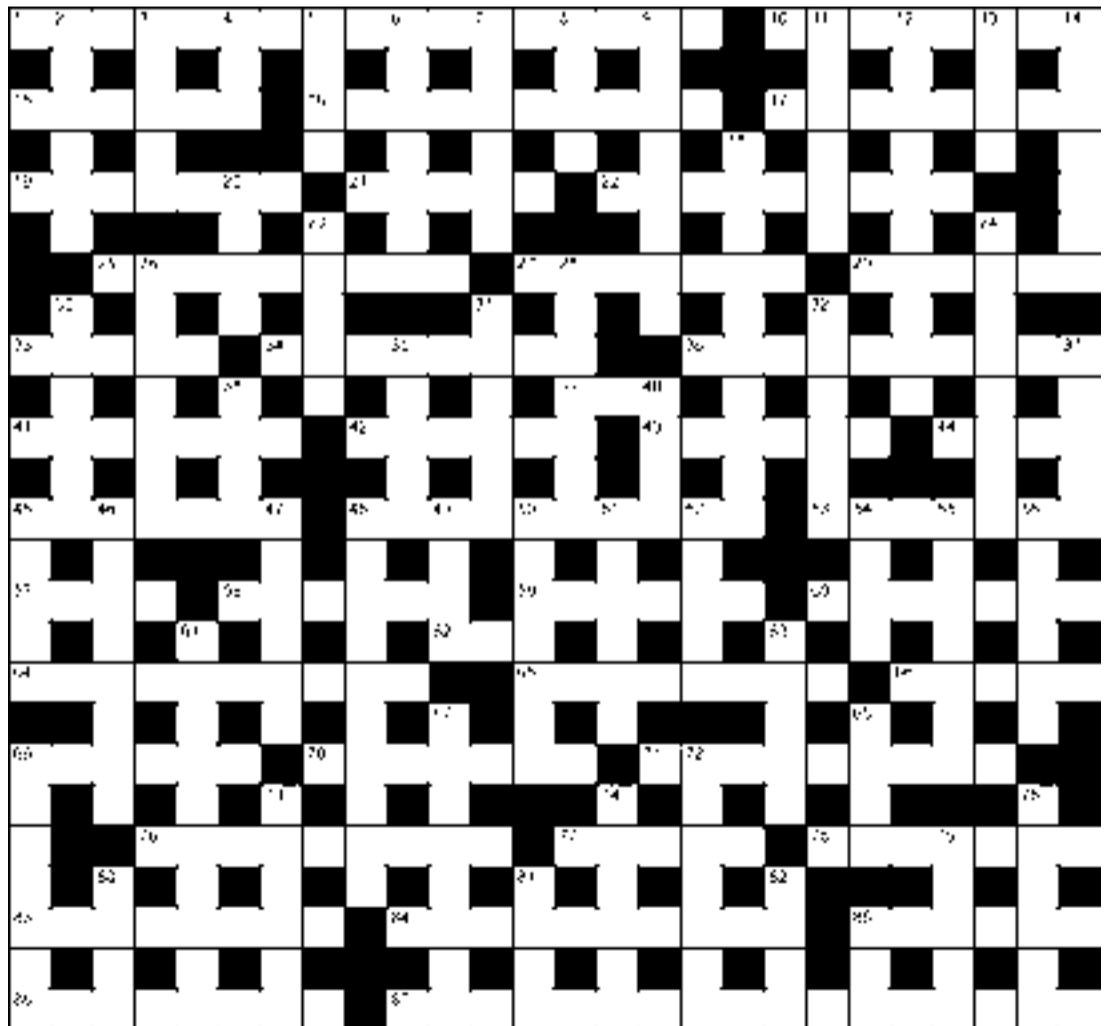
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# JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Person or thing that enjoys a short period of great popularity (7,2,3,5)
  - 10 Ceremonial trumpet flourishes (8)
  - 15 Day nursery (6)
  - 16 Putting forward (10)
  - 17 Collections of records (8)
  - 19 Use up (7)
  - 21 Deep ravine (5)
  - 22 Became like stone (9)
  - 25 Be indecisive, waver (9)
  - 27 School (7)
  - 29 Yarn (6)
  - 33 Scottish landowner (5)
  - 34 Lozenge (8)
  - 36 Incredulity (10)
  - 39 Residue of combustion (3)
  - 41 Speak quietly (7)
  - 42 Airless space (6)
  - 43 Sour-tasting (6)
  - 44 Profit (4)
  - 45 Migratory bird (7)
  - 48 Comprehensive or far-reaching scheme for action (6,4)
  - 53 Long formal letter (7)
  - 57 Behind time (4)
  - 58 South African flowering shrub (6)
  - 59 Pair (6)
  - 60 Enlist (7)
  - 62 Friend (3)
  - 64 Freed from blame or obligation (3,3,4)
  - 65 Disconnect (8)
  - 66 Frighten from doing (5)
  - 69 Safe (6)
  - 70 Arrow (7)
  - 71 Stubborn (9)
  - 76 Very roomy (9)
  - 77 Sudden fancies (5)
  - 78 Tumescant (7)
  - 83 Cause to begin (8)
  - 84 Strange (10)
  - 85 Court game (6)
  - 86 Aggressively enterprising person (2-6)
  - 87 Return to the beginning of something and start again (2,4,2,6,3)
  - DOWN**
  - 2 Bigger (6)
  - 3 Outspoken (5)
  - 4 Application (3)
  - 5 Hops-drying kiln (4)
  - 6 Harbour vessel (7)
  - 7 Come out into view (6)
  - 8 Pledge (4)
  - 9 Inclination (8)
  - 11 Unanchored (6)
  - 12 Temperature scale (10)
  - 13 Enthuse wildly (4)
  - 14 Dangle (7)
  - 18 Safekeeping (10)
  - 20 Dilute (4)
  - 23 Sparkle (5)
  - 24 The saint (anag)(8)
  - 26 Spraycan (7)
  - 28 Wishful thinker (7)
  - 30 Kidney-shaped nut (6)
  - 31 Display ostentatiously (6)
  - 32 Elf or fairy (6)
  - 35 Jewelled headdress (5)
  - 37 Walk affectedly (5)
  - 38 Decision-blocking vote (4)
  - 40 Drag along (4)
  - 45 Volley of shots (5)
  - 46 Deception, ruse (8)
  - 47 Deserving (6)
  - 48 Very large bustling city (10)
  - 49 Strike with open hand (4)
  - 50 Debar (7)
  - 51 Cushioned footstool or low seat (6)
  - 52 Book of maps (5)
  - 54 Quarry (4)
  - 55 Snake (7)
  - 56 Hang about aimlessly (6)
  - 61 Dispenser of medicine (10)
  - 63 God or goddess (5)
  - 67 Suggestive remark (8)
  - 68 Was aware (4)
  - 69 Looking for (7)
  - 72 Italian child (7)
  - 73 Fortified building (6)
  - 74 Reduce in size (6)
  - 75 Quit (6)
  - 79 Sudden forward motion (5)
  - 80 Telephone (4)
  - 81 Information (4)
  - 82 Middle East country (4)
  - 85 Beverage (3)



**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

ACROSS: 1 Grin and bear it, 8 Saturn, 14 Torso, 15 Cardigan, 16 Therapy, 17 Recur, 18 Bus, 19 Deceive, 21 Realistic, 22 Prince, 25 Assessment, 27 Sorcerer, 28 Merger, 31 Bikini, 33 Orchard, 34 Heifer, 35 Rash, 37 Use, 39 Also, 40 Updated, 41 Expertise, 42 Yielded, 43 Forebear, 48 Criteria, 52 Amphora, 56 Sovereign, 57 Foibles, 58 Lash, 59 Run, 60 Yolk, 61 Choice, 62 Inertia, 63 Levity, 65 Asylum, 66 Long shot, 68 Politeness, 71 Static, 72 Enclosure, 74 Odyssey, 76 Opt, 79 Aorta, 80 Hygiene, 81 Adriatic, 83 Essay, 84 Urgent, 85 Spitting image.

DOWN: 2 Readers, 3 Nudge, 4 Nag, 5 Bung, 6 Authenticate, 7 Ideal, 8 Skyline, 9 Tarn, 10 Record, 11 Bribe, 12 Dossier, 13 Mass produce, 14 Trinket, 20 Vestibule, 23 Recorder, 24 Defiled, 26 Episode, 27 Shandy, 29 Glazier, 30 Helper, 32 Igloo, 34 Heads, 36 Hyena, 38 Fret, 43 Fussy, 44 Rivalry, 45 Barn, 46 Alight, 47 Spare, 48 Culpable, 49 Insulated, 50 Enliven, 51 Inset, 52 Andiron, 53 Ornithology, 54 Affect, 55 Fifty percent, 64 Runaway, 65 Allowed, 67 Gunshot, 69 Seeking, 70 Mirror, 71 Stash, 73 Steep, 75 Spasm, 77 Wave, 78 Sari, 82 Rug.

SPORTS

# First-time Swampfox earns black jersey

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

Following his successful first season with the Thames Valley Swampfoxes, Fletcher Morgan will now be donning a black jersey for the New Zealand Heartland XV 2023 squad.

The 23-man team comprises the best players from across the country, rewarded for their standout performances in this year's Bunnings Warehouse Heartland Championship competition.

Fletcher said he was thrilled to be named in the squad, which has its first two-match campaign against his old stomping ground Canterbury on November 1.

"I've been in Christchurch for the last five years. I studied at Lincoln University and was trying my best to get amongst the Canterbury scene down there. But this year, I felt I was due for a change of scenery and came up here and played club in Hamilton. Then, I got a call from one of the Swampfox coaches, Joe Murray, to come across and play for Waihi.

"I go back to that phone call a lot," Fletcher said, "because he was adamant on getting me to play for a Heartland team so I could be eligible for this Heart-



Swampfox Fletcher Morgan, pictured scoring a try for Thames Valley, has been named in the New Zealand Heartland XV 2023 squad.

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land squad, and it's come full circle now, so I made sure to give him a big hug when I heard the news."

Fletcher, who plays on the wing and at fullback, was one of the top points scorers of the 12 Heartland teams, with 116

points from only eight games.

He said the Valley's first game and win of the season against Whanganui - which was also his debut for the Swampfoxes - was a highlight.

He scored two tries and made six out of seven goal kick at-

tempts.

"It was my first year in the Heartland competition and I set out to have as much fun as I could, and I like to think you play your best rugby when you're having fun," he said.

"The prospect of a black jer-

sey at the end of the season was always pretty inviting for me, and I managed to have a great season with the boys. I think there's several boys in that [Valley] team who are unlucky not to be in the same position."

Fletcher, 23, said his successful performance this season was a product of the Swampfox squad as a whole, and he wants to put in a good performance with the Heartland XV team to "turn some heads" and make his Valley team proud.

Playing rugby professionally is his end-goal.

New Zealand Heartland XV head coach Nigel Walsh said there was a "thorough process" during player selections and he was impressed with each individual throughout the season.

"Every player stood out during the Heartland competition and I've got a good mix of experience across the board," he said.

The Heartland XV will play in a two-match campaign against Canterbury Development on November 1 and the New Zealand Barbarians on November 4. Both matches will be streamed live on New Zealand Rugby: www.nzrugby.co.nz.



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