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

A new group has been established in Waihi with an aim to eradicate pests and bring native wildlife back to the town.

Predator Free Waihi is a group of local volunteers led by Sam Mortensen, who has been involved in the set up and running of Predator Free Taranaki, Predator Free Waihi Beach and Predator Free Bay of Plenty.

As a self-described “tree hugger” when Sam moved to the Hauraki just over a year ago, she was dismayed to find very few predator-controlling initiatives.

“I recently moved here from Taranaki and there’s just so much happening in other places, so I guess I was a little bit disappointed to see there wasn’t a lot happening here,” she said.

“I’m really passionate about getting people to reconnect with nature, and if they can see native birds and lizards and invertebrates in their garden that they may not have seen before, it’s quite exciting and helps people get motivated to do their bit.”

The group has teamed up with HELP Waihi to launch the initiative, and has received \$5000 from Predator Free NZ to kickstart the project, beginning with 120 backyard rat traps in wooden tunnels being distributed to urban Waihi properties.

They are subsidised at \$10 a trap, Sam said, with all funds raised to go to HELP Waihi to purchase more.

Predator Free Waihi also has plans to establish a trap li-



Mandy Ryan and Sam Mortensen from the newly-established Predator Free Waihi. Photo: SUPPLIED

brary, where residents can borrow possum and rat/stoat traps for free – based at the HELP Depot at Waihi College.

“The next step will be setting up trap lines in urban reserves and walkways, and co-ordinating volunteers to check traps,”

Sam said. “Further conversations need to occur with Hauraki District Council before starting in council reserves.”

With a core team of four, Sam said the group will be seeking additional funding to expand the project. They are also in-

terested in hearing from other people keen to volunteer.

“I find this to be a good way to meet people in the community and connect with like-minded individuals,” she said.

“I’ve got two boys as well and I’m passionate about encour-

aging them to do their bit and care for Papatūānuku.”

DETAILS: To get involved, email predatorfreewaihi@gmail.com or find the group on Facebook.



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CYCLE TRAIL FALL

Let me introduce myself, I am John Langley, a recent 87-year-old widower from the Isle of Wight in England who came to New Zealand two months ago to holiday with long time friends in Paeroa. On my second day here I went for a bike ride along the famous Hauraki Rail Trail from Waihi. All was well until about 3km from the trail end when trying to pass through a narrow gateway the handlebars caught the gatepost and pulled the front wheel of my bike sideways and it fell through the cattle stop below! The bike stopped but I didn't and I sailed over the top, landing very heavily on kiwi gravel! I sustained several injuries including a fracture of my hip socket, bruised ribs and a black eye. Not a pretty sight...

A family came to my aid and took me to meet an ambulance, which took me to Thames Hospital where I spent three days before I began a two months' recuperation period at Ohinemuri Rest Home in Paeroa. During this time I sat and watched the Oscars awards taking place over in Los Angeles where my daughter, Dame Donna Langley, chair of Universal Pictures Filmed Entertainments Group, had her latest movie *Oppenheimer* nominated for several awards. I was full of pride for her as I watched the Oscars ceremony on my iPad as *Oppenheimer* won seven golden Oscars and a second film, the *Holdovers*, won Best Supporting Actress. A wonderful tonic for my recovery. My recuperation has gone well as I did not require any surgery and now, no longer needing to use a wheelchair, I am back on my own two feet once again. I truly believe there is no better place than the Ohinemuri care home to receive my treatment. Care has been A1 and I would recommend it to anyone in need of top class care and loving attention. The date is now 10th April and tomorrow I begin my long 26-hour flight back home in the UK. I leave with two opposite feelings – happiness to be going home, and sadness on leaving this wonderful and friendly country of New Zealand. Would I ever consider making a return visit? It's a four Yes' answer from me...

- John Langley, Newport, Isle of Wight, United Kingdom



John Langley

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In Brief

FATAL FIRE

Police have confirmed the name of the person who died in a house fire in Whitianga on April 7. He was 47-year-old Duane Whiteman of Whitianga. The fire occurred at Cholmondeley Cres, with emergency services alerted at 5.20pm. The death has been referred to the Coroner, and Police continue to work with fire investigators to determine the cause of the fire.

MANGATANGI FIRE

A house went up in flames in Mangatangi on the morning of April 10. The fire was on Mangatangi Rd just west of the Mangatangi Marae. Fire and Emergency had three engines and a tanker on site.

ARCH CENTENARY

Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga will celebrate the centenary of Central School's World War I Memorial Arch at 10am on April 24. The event, which is open to the public, will commemorate the memorial arch that was unveiled on Anzac Day in 1924, and to hear about some of the people the arch honours, meet the volunteers and enjoy the museum. The event will be followed by a morning tea. The free event will be held at the corner of Pollen and Cochrane streets, Thames. Find out more at: fb.com/thamesmuseumnz.

POOL FEEDBACK WANTED

Thames Coromandel District Council

has opened public consultation on four options for the location of the new Thames pool. Option A: A new local aquatic facility with all indoor pools on Thames High School grounds – estimated build cost up to \$42.5 million; Option B: A new local aquatic facility with indoor pools and an outdoor pool on Thames High School grounds – estimated build cost up to \$36.5 million; Option C: A new sub-regional aquatic facility with a bigger mix of indoor pools in Kōpū South – estimated build cost up to \$77 million; Option D: No investment in aquatic provision and Thames Centennial Pool is removed – estimated cost to remove Centennial Pool and restore Taipari Park up to \$550,000. Go to www.tcdc.govt.nz for more information.

SCAM ALERT

Police are advising the public to be aware of phone scammers posing as police officers. Reports have emerged this month where kiwis have been contacted on the phone by someone claiming to be an officer, stating the person has been a victim of fraud, and then asking for financial information. Police said they never contact people seeking their banking details, card numbers, pin numbers or passwords. Another scam, claiming to be from the post office, has been making the rounds via text message. It will say the recipient needs to click on a link to claim a held package. The messages come from a number of different email addresses.

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Thames Tides

Wed Apr 17	Thu Apr 18	Fri Apr 19	Sat Apr 20	Sun Apr 21	Mon Apr 22	Tue Apr 23
Morning 1:40am 3.0 7:59am 1.1	Morning 2:42am 3.0 9:00am 1.1	Morning 3:41am 2.9 9:57am 1.1	Morning 4:34am 3.0 10:48am 1.0	Morning 5:22am 3.0 11:35am 0.9	Morning 6:05am 3.1 12:17pm 0.9	Morning 12:35am 0.8 6:45am 3.1
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MOON AND FISH KEYS

New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter
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TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES

To determine tide times at the following places, add (+) or subtract (-) the given time difference from the Thames times listed in the calendar.

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

Drunk driver dives off Thames wharf

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

A man charged with driving with excess breath alcohol jumped into the Kauaeranga River near Thames' The Wharf before deciding to return to face Police.

Shane Murray appeared in the Thames District Court on April 12 after pleading guilty to being found behind the wheel with 920mcg of alcohol per litre of breath.

The incident occurred on February 18 with police prosecution stating that Mr Murray went to The Wharf and drove through an area with a chain across it. He sat there with his car running and was drinking alcohol.

While Mr Murray argued he wasn't driving at the time, legislation suggested that if someone was in control of a vehicle, with keys in the ignition and the engine running, the definition of that action was driving.

Prosecution stated that when the police came to speak to Mr Murray, he jumped out of his car and off the wharf, into the water. Because the incident occurred in the evening, it appeared Mr Murray decided to swim back and was then processed for excess breath alcohol.

Mr Murray told the court that he had not drunk alcohol for 17 years prior to the incident.

He admitted to doing "the wrong thing" and said he suffered "a little bit of a mental breakdown".

District Court Judge Dean Blair sentenced Mr Murray to 60 hours of community work and disqualified him from driving, while also requiring him to have an alcohol interlock installed in his vehicle. He thanked Mr Murray for the "courteous way" he presented himself.



The three men accused of damaging the \$5000 elephant sculpture outside Gastronomics Restaurant in Thames are taking restorative steps to avoid a criminal conviction. Photos: SUPPLIED

which the restorative element was one of reparation. “Potentially, we might have a meeting with the victims so the [offenders] can explain and apologise.

"There's also community work, which is restoring the damage they did to the community, and so far, I'm led to believe they're keen as to do that."

Two of the men will appear in Thames District Court on May 24, while the third will reappear on June 10.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

17 April 2024

Kōpū boat ramp opening

We're looking forward to opening Kōpū boat ramp to the public in early May and officially launching the commercial marine servicing and business precinct soon after that.

The finishing touches are being made to the access ways and infrastructure at the end of April as well as installing lights, water and other services. We'll be publicising the opening date and an official launch as soon as it's confirmed.

tcdc.govt.nz/kopu



ANZAC PARADES AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

COROMANDEL TOWN: 10am Civic Service – Memorial Reserve, followed by morning tea at The Club

TAPU: 5.45am Dawn Parade – from Tapu Fire Station to the Cenotaph followed by service. Breakfast afterwards

THAMES: 5.45am Dawn Parade – from the corner of Sealey St and Pollen St, along Pollen St to Thames War Memorial Civic Centre

6am Dawn Service followed by breakfast at Thames Bowling Club

9.45am Civic Parade – from Pollen St/Sealey St corner to Thames War Memorial Civic Centre via Pollen St, for a **10am Civic Service** followed by refreshments at Thames Bowling Club

PĀUANUI: 6.30am Dawn Service – assemble at 6am on the beach adjacent to Surf Lifesaving Club (Pāuanui Sports and Recreation Club if wet)

TAIRUA: 6.30am Dawn Service – assemble at 6am in front of the Commemorative Wall at the Tairua Ex Servicemen's Cemetery

WHANGAMATĀ: 6.30am Sunrise Flag Raising & Service (includes flyover by Stearman aircraft) – assemble at Whangamatā Surf Club. Breakfast after at Blackies in Williamson Park

9am Mix and Mingle at Whangamatā RSA

9.30am Beach Hop vehicles collect members dropping them at the parade start

10.20am Civic Parade led by the Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums from the Council Offices

11am Wreath-laying Service at Whangamatā War Memorial Hall followed by a light lunch and entertainment at the RSA Clubrooms

WHITIANGA: 5.45am Dawn Parade – assemble Mercury Bay Club carpark. **6am march** to Soldiers' Memorial Park for service

MATARANGI: 10.30am Civic Parade – assemble at corner of Cordyline Cres and Ake Ake Ave
10.45am march to Fire Station
11am Civic Service outside Fire Station

HĀHEI: 10.30am Civic Service – at the Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden, Pa Rd

Returned service personnel are asked to wear their medals and decorations. All descendants of returned service personnel are welcome to participate in the parades. Descendants marching are asked to wear medals on the right upper portion of their clothes.

HAVE YOUR SAY

ON THAMES POOL OPTIONS

15 April - 6 May 2024

FOR MORE INFO AND SURVEY FORMS
tcdc.govt.nz/poolsurvey
OR VISIT THAMES COUNCIL OFFICE

With Centennial Pool due to be removed in 2027 we're asking your views on future aquatic provision for Thames.

Check out our *Summary of Options* document and fill in the survey. If you need paper copies, visit our Thames Service Centre, Thames Library or Centennial Pool. We'll also be running drop-in sessions at Thames Bowling Club on Tuesday 23 April from 11am-1pm and 4-6pm where you can ask questions, explore the designs or get help filling in the survey. tcdc.govt.nz/poolsurvey

PROGRESS ON PORRITT PARK

Work's pressing ahead on Porritt Park Playground with the main play structure nearing completion. Paths have been excavated and poured. Other play pieces – hamster wheels, talking tunnels, accessible see-saw and carousel – have been installed. Rubber fall protection will be installed in late April. Community fundraising towards a target of \$500k to top up a large philanthropic donation is still underway. Please email porrittparkproject@gmail.com or drop a donation in to the collection jar on reception at Thames Council offices.

tcdc.govt.nz/porritt

Thames Community Board UPDATE

Board Chair, Adrian Catran JP reports:

“It's great to see projects that'll benefit Thames for many years come to fruition. The Kōpū development will be a huge boost to the marine industry locally. Porritt Park is looking great and I look forward to it opening soon. We're also keen to hear your views on Thames' future aquatic provision. Finally, remember these words – Lest we forget – as we acknowledge Anzac Day.

adrian.catran@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board's next meeting is on Wednesday 5 June, 10am in Thames Council Chamber.
tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

ANZAC RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

In Anzac week collections of Thames Rural South and Thames & Surrounds' yellow week recycling, glass and food scraps normally scheduled for Thursday will take place on Friday 26 April due to the public holiday. Collections for Thames Coast and Manaia are unaffected and are on their usual Wednesday. tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

A reminder that Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations are closed on the morning of Anzac Day, Thursday 25 April, and will instead open at 1pm and close at 4.30pm. Transfer stations are now on shorter hours due to being outside of daylight saving. Normal site opening hours during this period are 8.30am to 4.30pm, seven days a week. tcdc.govt.nz/RTS



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Fun Day fun

The Turua Family Fun Day was a colourful affair. April 13 saw Turua Domain filled with bouncy castles, emergency vehicles, trucks and all sorts of stalls to peruse to the accompaniment of live music. Sadly, the weather didn't co-operate, and left many people rushing for cover under the treeline as multiple squalls blew through. But despite the weather, there were smiles and laughter in every corner of the domain. The Turua Community Events committee said on social media it was "thrilled with how the day unfolded", and promised more exciting events in the future. **ALICE PARMINTER** grabbed the broly and headed to Turua for some fun.



Emergency service vehicles give the crowd a show with lights and sirens.



There was lots to see and do, and the grey weather didn't keep Turua away.



Five-year-old Te Uri channels his inner Spiderman.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



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"Keep those Love This Place (Long Term Plan 2024-2034) submissions coming!"

Firstly, I wanted to say a big thank you to our communities – we’ve been all across the district with our LTP drop-in sessions, and bar a few heated discussions, everyone has treated a difficult kōrero about rates increases and other high cost proposals in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan with respect, sensible debate and kindness. On behalf of the Councillors and the Council staff, we say a big thank you for getting involved in the kōrero and keeping it real. We’ve definitely felt the aroha out there - what an awesome community.

But it’s not over yet – feedback is open till 4pm on Friday 26 April! Don’t miss your opportunity to have your say on the projects and facilities we’re proposing to deliver to our communities over the next 10 years and beyond. Ngā mihi."

Toby Adams
Mayor, Hauraki District

Kōrero mai
Let's talk

Have your say

We’ve focused on the two key consultation issues – flood protection on the Plains and earthquake considerations for the Waihi Art Centre and Museum, but you can have your say on anything in the Plan. In particular, we also want to know what you think about our:

- Fees and charges,
- Development Contributions Policy,
- Rates Remission and Postponement policies, and
- Revenue and Financing Policy.

Want to know more?

There is a lot of information to take in and you can find all of the supporting information at **Love This Place: 2024 -2034 Long Term Plan | Kōrero Mai | Let's Talk Hauraki**, or if you prefer you can read more information at any one of our service centres or libraries.

Pick up a consultation document from our offices or libraries or view online at <https://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/2024-ltp>







HAURAKI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

17 APRIL 2024

ANZAC DAY - THURSDAY 25 APRIL

Commemoration Parades and Memorial Services

We warmly invite you to attend one of the Public Commemoration Services to be held in the Hauraki District on Thursday 25 April 2024.

Please check our website for details
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/anzac-day



Lest we forget

Kerbside collection reminder - Paeroa

Due to ANZAC Day, Paeroa’s kerbside collection for recycling and food scraps, will move to Friday 26 April.



What's Up Dog?



Have your people given you the chop, moved address, changed contact details, got more furry friends or had one pass away? They need to get on the dog and bone (phone) and let Council know before registrations are due.

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Fee and Mands co-owners Mandy Souchon, left, and Fiona Pennell.

Dream store comes to life

A lifelong dream shared between two friends has come to fruition for Fiona Pennell and Mandy Souchon, co-owners of Fee and Mands on Willoughby, who opened their new homewares and decor store on March 27 in Paeroa.

Mandy said the name of the shop came really quickly.

"One of us said 'oh - Fee and Mands!' and it just stuck."

Fiona and Mandy said creating a space that felt like home, where people could find beautiful and timeless pieces, was exactly what they wanted to create.

There's something for everybody, in every price range, for every occasion, Fiona said.

Lighting, art, furniture, bedding, rugs, cushions, throws, mirrors, hand bags, and infant wear are some of the beautiful pieces on display across the store.

"We wanted people to walk in and say 'wow - this is awesome'," Mandy said.

With a focus on supporting New Zealand brands and designers, Fee and Mands have carefully selected items that uphold their standards of quality, style and sustainability.

As well as keeping things local, they wanted the community to know "we can pretty much source anything".

Fiona and her husband Murray Pennell own Murray Pennell Builders, and originally purchased the site at 1 Willoughby St to build Murray's workshop.

However, Fiona said she had an early-morning epiphany about its potential as a shop, and following discussions with Murray, and inviting Mandy to partner with her, about a week later Fee and Mands on Willoughby was born. The builders' workshop is at the back of the building, and Fee and Mands is at the front.

Fiona and Mandy said they wanted to thank the community for their awesome support right from the start of the project - when they first put the sign up on the fence.

"We're very grateful for everyone being interested and supportive. We're very proud."

- Davidda Hikatangata

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Bradley Murdock has recently harvested about 10kgs of honey, as well as a frame of honeycomb.

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Student beekeeper turns hobby into harvest

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

A budding Hauraki apiarist who took up beekeeping as a hobby during the Covid-19 pandemic has harvested his first batch of honey.

It comes after a raft of bee politics, two years of time and investment, and help from Google and the Thames Bee Club.

Bradley Murdock told *The Profile* that “being bored” during the Covid-19 lockdowns prompted him to make a beehive from scratch while as a student at Waitakaruru School.

Now in Year 10 at Hauraki Plains College, he recently harvested about 10kgs of honey, as well as a frame of honeycomb.

But tasting the fruits of his labour hasn’t come easy.

Last year, after buying his first lot of bees online and having them “shipped in the mail”, Bradley said the season for bees was pretty poor.

The bees only made enough honey for themselves to get through winter and eventually, the hive was robbed and perished.

“Because they weren’t strong enough, they got robbed, which

means bees from other hives will come and steal the honey and invade the hive,” Bradley explained.

“The [bees] I’ve got at the moment are a swarm that I caught.”

Bradley said when bees swarm, they leave the hive, “bunch up, and look for a new place to live”.

“The day I got them, it was raining, so they were just hanging out underneath an orange tree. I brushed them off and into a box.”

Bradley said not only did a flourishing hive depend on the

season, it also depended on the hive’s queen.

“You can have good queens and bad queens,” he said.

This year, the new swarm has continued to thrive, and in late-February, Bradley extracted his first lot of clover honey.

He said his harvest tasted “a lot better and a lot fresher” than what could be found in the supermarket, and while he also makes candles out of the beeswax, Bradley said he never expected his lockdown hobby to take him this far, explaining that it all came about due to a memory.

“I remember going down to Taupō and there was a bee place there. We went there when I was a kid and I got some honeycomb ice cream,” he said.

“Years later, I remember thinking how good it would be to have honeycomb ice cream.”

DETAILS: *The Thames Bee Club meets monthly at the gardens on Mackay St, Thames. It involves networking and advice for hobbyists, with support from commercial beekeepers. The group can be found on Facebook.*



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Rural Life

Stopping by for stopbanks chat

Hauraki District Council held a Stop-by for Stopbanks event at Waitakaruru School earlier this month, offering residents the opportunity to learn about the primary stopbanks in the Western Plains Drainage District and council's Long Term Plan options for maintaining them. Plains ward councillors Stephen Croymans and Neil Gray were also on hand to talk about the 2024-2034 LTP, open for feedback until April 26. Reporter KELLEY TANTAU called by to check it out.



Council's operations engineer team leader David Plom talks stopbanks.



The event was held at Waitakaruru School on the Hauraki Plains.



HDC's strategic planner Michelle Clive feeds the masses.



Waitakaruru School's Mason and Skyla enjoy the sausage sizzle.



Councillors Stephen Croymans and Neil Gray chat to a resident.

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Rural Life

Velvetleaf pest plant found

The discovery of velvetleaf on two new properties in the Waikato region has sparked a renewed call from Waikato Regional Council for robust biosecurity measures on farm.

The first new detections of the highly invasive pest plant in the region since 2019 have been found in a commercial maize block, as well as in a maize paddock.

“There is a significant amount of work that has gone into controlling velvetleaf in this region since it was first discovered in 2011, so it is extremely disappointing to have these two new outbreaks,” council biosecurity pest plants team leader Darion Embling said.

“We can’t be certain how velvetleaf has spread to these two properties. However, tracing has historically identified machinery and infested maize silage as the most common vectors, which demonstrates the need for continued vigilance by farmers and growers, as well as rigorous machinery hygiene protocols by the cropping sector.

“Our focus is on tracing machinery and crop movement, which is critical to ensuring the risk of spread beyond these properties is effectively managed.”

As a declared pest in the Waikato there are strict rules. Velvetleaf can’t be spread, landowners are responsible for destroying the pest, and all machinery leaving an infested property must be cleaned.

“We’re working closely with the owners/managers on the affected properties to develop biosecurity farm management plans. We are also liaising with the cropping industry. The discovery of velvetleaf on a property can significantly impact farming businesses, as paddocks are unable to be cropped for some time. So we are doing what we can to support these landowners.”

Velvetleaf was first discovered in the region in 2011, but the scale of finds escalated



Velvetleaf is one of the world’s most invasive pest plants.
Photo: SUPPLIED/WRC

in 2016 with the arrival of infested fodder beet seeds imported from overseas.

The majority of the infested properties are in the north Waikato, Matamata-Piako and south Waikato districts. Pest plant officers have been working with landowners/managers to develop biosecurity farm management plans to manage the risk of spread on 60 properties.

Velvetleaf is one of the world’s most invasive pest plants, damaging crops by competing with them for nutrients, space and water. In New Zealand, it is an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act.

It is an annual broad-leaved herb that grows between one and 2.5 metres tall.

It has buttery-yellow flowers about three centimetres across. It flowers from spring through autumn. Leaves are large, heart-shaped and are velvety to the touch. A mature plant can have as many 15,000 viable seeds. Seedlings are vigorous and the plant grows rapidly in the first few months after germination. Seeds remain viable for up to 60 years.

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Fatal accident at Maratoto silver mine



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** explores our local history by seeking out stories of life and death in the Thames Valley

When Isaac Wade was struck on the left eye with an 8lb hammer wielded by a 16 stone man while working 1000 feet below the surface at the Ohinemuri Gold and Silver mine in Maratoto, it was a remarkable coincidence.

Isaac, an Australian, had been a miner since 1898, working in lead and silver mines. In 1908, while working at Ballarat, his left eye was slightly injured by a piece of steel. He lost part of his sight, but not enough to prevent him working. Since he had been in New Zealand, he had initially lived at Komata then later Hikutaia, working at the Maratoto mine where in 1919 he was struck across the right eye with a piece of quartz.

As a result he was obliged to wear a bandage over the eye, doing his work by the vision of the left eye. For two months after being struck with the hammer in 1922, he was able to see partially with the injured eye but afterwards the sight failed completely.



Ohinemuri Gold and Silver mine, Maratoto. Photo: SUPPLIED

Isaac, a single man, lived near the mine, but returned to his home in Hikutaia for the weekends. He was the sole support of his widowed mother, Elizabeth, a woman of great Irish wit and generosity, known affectionately to all as 'Granny.' Despite his frequent injuries and setbacks Isaac also had a genial and amiable disposition. He had many friends and was also an avid sportsman.

But his vision impacted his life and Isaac went to court to claim weekly compensation payments from the Ohinemuri Gold and Silver Mines on the grounds that the accident was responsible for the total loss of the sight of the left eye. The defence said the action was brought too late and that any blindness was not caused by the accident.

Further, a miner suddenly struck blind, could not resume his work a week after the accident, as Isaac did.

Dr Pabst stated that he examined Isaac on behalf of the Government Insurance Department.

The eye had an old injury and he did not believe that Isaac had been able to see with it for many years. Isaac's claim failed.

In November 1922 the *Thames Star* noted that Isaac's many friends would regret to learn that there was every possibility of him losing one of his eyes. After medical treatment the sight seemed to return but a specialist diagnosis revealed there was little hope of saving the injured optic. Regardless, 44-year-old Isaac continued working for the Ohinemuri mine and support-

ing his mother. He now ran the mine's compressor where on an August morning in 1923 he began oiling up and starting the compressor so as the necessary pressure would be available for the miners by 8am. John Leather, an old-age pensioner employed as a telephone attendant, heard a bump in the compressor building.

On going to investigate he found Isaac lying dead on the floor. The machinery had stopped with the exception of a pelton wheel. A small pulley was broken and an oil can near Isaac was badly dented. Meanwhile, John O'Sullivan, mine manager, was waiting for the air to come on.

He telephoned the compressor room, but as he got no response he walked up to it. On the way he met John Leather, who told him Isaac had been killed.

At the inquest it was established that a pulley from the engine to the compressor had burst off, fatally striking Isaac. John O'Sullivan, manager, said the machinery had been certified by the Inspector of Machinery in September. He saw no reason why the pulley should have broken but a heavy frost that morning might have affected the machinery. The coroner found that Isaac met his death through being struck by parts of a pulley. The fatality had been purely accidental and no blame was attachable to anyone.

Isaac, described as a highly respected, reliable worker and sober and industrious man, was buried at Omahu cemetery. There was a large attendance of settlers, friends and workmates as well as the officials of the Ohinemuri Gold and Silver mine.

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The mural created by Barry Brickell is now back in its rightful place.

Mural returns to Civic Centre after vandalism

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

Members of the women’s division of Thames’ MenzShed have completed their restoration of a damaged mural and have since had it rehung back where it belongs.

The mural, created by the late potter Barry Brickell OBE, sat inside the Thames Civic Centre on Mary St since 2016, but was damaged during last year’s general elections.

Trish Beasley and Ros Rasmussen took the restoration project on and spent a month reglueing all of the component sections - 35 of them - back in place.

A new backing panel was also attached for better support.

“We were all proud of being involved in the repairs of the mural and were so

happy and relieved to see it back in its rightful place in the Civic Centre undamaged,” Trish told *The Profile*.

“Special thanks goes to Watson Engineering in getting the mural back with a forklift and trolley - they did a fantastic job.”

The terracotta clay mural was unveiled in the entrance of the Civic Centre back in September, 2016, and according to a Thames-Coromandel District Council press release from the time, it told a “story of the land and the environmental impacts upon it”.


DETAILS: To get in touch with the Thames MenzShed, email: thamesmenzshed@gmail.com or find the organisation on Facebook.



Watson Engineering staff transport the mural from the Thames MenzShed to the Civic Centre using a forklift and trolley. Photos: SUPPLIED



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CLUB RUGBY

2024 Silcock Shield Round Three - hot off Tighthead Ted's keyboard. The third round teed off with squally weather throughout the Valley, four seasons in one day stuff, with showers, sun, wind and snow from Mercury Bay to Paeroa and venues in between.

Waihi Athletic v Whangamata
Waihi Athletic Rugby Club, Kenny St, Waihi. Referee: W Berry.

An opening try from the first kick off saw Waihi lead this match from the 27th second to the final whistle. Waihi racked up another six tries in the process, but also conceded three to a Whangamata side that was well beaten, but never threw in the towel. Cam Gerlach's withering pace outflanked the Whangamata chase line, and inside passes as each covering defender arrived to make the tackle saw halfback Asher Delany score beside the sticks.

Another couple of quick scores to Waihi saw them race out to 19 nil before a shell shocked Whangamata finally started to get some possession and make some inroads into a ferocious Waihi defence. From a series of rucks on the line, Kiharoa Gilbert crashed over to get Whangamata off their duck.

Waihi were running hot though, and two quick tries to industrious hooker Josh Tye, one from a lineout drive and one in "Fitzy fashion" on the wing saw a commanding 31-7 lead at the break.

Stern words from the Whangamata staff saw them take the game to the home side more, and a staggering 20m lineout drive saw a try to big lock Tim Bond, and fellow lock Ben Laurie also troubled the score with a charge down and five pointer. Both these efforts were well converted from out wide by Tiaontin Raoren.

Unfortunately for Whangamata they also conceded two converted tries, one

a shocker from the kickoff once again, when no one took the kick, and wing Dylan Bellamy dived on to the ball to claim the five points. A carving run by Kenan Gillson, who gifted the try to dynamic prop James Mahi, rounded out the day's events on the pitch.

Players to catch the eye from Waihi were prop Mahe and his front row partner Josh Tye and tough tackling loose forward Brett Ranga. The game was controlled by Quinn Collard in ten, and across the board the backs were dangerous with ball in hand. Whangamata's bookends Pulley and Cordice, lock Chris Tuilotolava and Tupou Tonga led many of the Whangamata charges. Raoren at halfback was the pick of the backs, along with Joe Perawiti at 12 who was always a handful for the defence.

Waihi Athletic 45 (A Delany, I Seiuli, B Ranga, J Tye 2, J Mahe, D Bellamy, tries; Q Collard 5 conversions) beat Whangamata 21 (K Gilbert, T Bond, B Laurie tries, T Raoren 3 conversions). HT 31-7.

Paeroa v COBRAS
Centennial Park, Paeroa. Referee: D Tui-Taylor.

In windy conditions, two unbeaten teams gave the crowd a cracking display of premier rugby. Another top display of refereeing in his 101st game from Dali Tui kept the match flowing.

A hard game played by two big packs, with COBRAS shading the Paeroa eight at the set piece, but a lack of fitness meant they could not press home this advantage. The Paeroa backline was slick and scored some great long-range tries, with Emery, Beazley and Malielegaoi orchestrating the majority of the damage. COBRAS were not helped by the early loss of midfielder Sione Etoni, which saw 2023 NZ Divisional halfback Leroy Neels move to first five and also fullback.

Paeroa was well served by the above mentioned players, along with hard running winger John Penu and flanker Oshea



Te Oka-Cox. Stand outs for the losing COBRAS side were Cam Dromgool, Neels, Sergio Schuler and try-scoring hooker Shontayne Dare.

Paeroa 43 (J Penu 2, H Beazley, T Malielegaoi, S Toloa, K May-Maatafeo, L Aufai tries; N Emery 4 conversions), beat COBRAS 15 (F Paseka, S Dare, L Neels tries). HT 17-5.

Thames v Hauraki North
Rhodes Park. Referee: S Watts.

A typical windy Rhodes Park greeted

North for their clash with neighbours Thames and after taking the breeze in the first spell, North would have been disappointed with trailing 6-12. The Blue Bulls had plenty of possession but could not convert to points, and with Thames turning after 40 with the wind at their backs, it was not a deficit that could be reeled in.

The Thames win was orchestrated by halfback Seth Roe, who helped himself to two tries in the process, and an Iron Curtain defence, and a dominant scrum.

North never gave up, and for a long period in the second spell hammered on the Thames line for no reward. Matty Fisher at halfback and Riki Watene were tireless in their endeavors to break the Thames line, along with flanker Leyton Penu.

Thames 22 (S Roe 2, D Hughes, S Tutapu tries; Hughes conversion) beat North 6 (E Fiavaai 2 penalties). HT 12-6.

Mercury Bay v Waihou
Lyon Park, Whitianga. Referee: R Rogers.

Mercury Bay gave unbeaten Waihou a few scares before succumbing to their powerful forward pack in an exciting match at Lyon Park. The more mobile home eight was sucked into an arm wrestle with the Waihou pack, who loved not having to cover half the park to make it to rucks and mauls.

Trailing by just five at the half, the home team's inability to create sustained pressure saw them fade away in the second half. Too many penalties and errors gave the grizzled veterans of the Waihou pack possession close to the line, two tries from lineout was the winning and losing of the match.

The home side saw top performances from many, but standing out were Anzac Waterhouse at prop, second five Dane Mathew, and replacement loose forward Tyrese Melde, at 18, was into everything like a rabid bulldog. Waihou's pack effort was led by lock Tim Erceg from lock, and the returning Sam Van Der Valk at hooker scored a dot. Adam Radcliffe continued his fine season from 10, and powerful winger Eliki Sicinlawas direct running earned him two five pointers.

Waihou 29 (Sicinlawas 2, H McClennan, Van Der Valk tries; Radcliffe 3 conversions, penalty) beat Mercury Bay 17 (C McLeod, L Lipa tries; C Curren 2 conversions, penalty). HT 22-17.

Senior B Results: Thames 21 lost to Whangamata 27; Waihi Athletic 35 beat COBRAS 24; Mercury Bay 12 beat Ngatea 8; Coromandel 53 beat North 0.

Thames Valley Club Rugby

SENIOR A

Saturday April 20th

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Whangamata V Te Aroha COBRAS

Hauraki North V Mercury Bay

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Public Notice

HAURAKI MĀORI TRUST BOARD 2024 Election of Board Members I declare the final result for the election of Trustees for the Hauraki Māori Trust Board that closed on Thursday 11 April 2024. Ngāti Tara Tokanui Section Candidate Name Votes Received WALTERS Meralda J H 36 KARU Russell C 35 KELLY (Keremeneta) Joanne 10 INVALID or INFORMAL 11 Meralda J H Walters is therefore declared elected as the Ngāti Tara Tokanui member for the Hauraki Māori Trust Board, subject to appointment by the Governor-General. The following nominations were also received for other sections of the Hauraki Māori Trust Board. Section Candidate Name Ngaati Whanaunga Pongaruahine (Honey) RENATA Ngāti Hako John LINSTED Ngāti Hei Joseph John DAVIS Ngāti Maru David TAIPARI Ngāti Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora John TAMIHERE Ngāti Pukenga ki Waiau Harry Haerengarangi MIKAERE Ngāti Rahiri-Tumutumu Norm HILL Ngāti Tamatera Arama George CHASE Patukirikiri William PETERS As only one valid nomination was received for each of the above sections, Pongaruahine (Honey) RENATA, John LINSTED, Joseph John DAVIS, David TAIPARI, John TAMIHERE, Harry Haerengarangi MIKAERE, Norm HILL, Arama George CHASE and William PETERS are elected unopposed as Members of the Hauraki Māori Trust Board, subject to appointment by the Governor-General. As no valid nominations were originally received for the Ngai Tai or Ngāti Paoa sections, a further call for nominations for those sections will be made in June 2024. Warwick Lampp Returning Officer – Hauraki Māori Trust Board PO Box 3138, Christchurch 0800 666 041 iro@electionz.com John McEnteer Secretary – Hauraki Māori Trust Board jm@hauraki.iwi.nz electionz.com voting made easy

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ENTERTAINMENT



Six60 with the miniature Dunedin flat where they once lived.

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Six60 brings tiny house to Ngatea

A miniature of Kiwi band Six60's Dunedin flat will be in Ngatea this week as part of their Grassroots Tour around New Zealand playing in small towns at intimate venues.

As part of the tour, Six60 have partnered with Four Square to bring a miniature replica of the flat where the band members once lived together in Dunedin (the iconic 660 Castle St) to all 29 stops of the tour.

The tiny house will be parked up at Four Square Ngatea on April 18, 8am to 6pm, with fans invited to visit, snap some photos, grab some exclusive merchandise and explore a key part of Six60's history even if they were unable to snag a ticket to the sold out event. Each store will be doing something special as well, everything from blasting Six60 tunes through the speakers all day, to offering a bunch of \$6.60 deals.

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The company now boasts a range of six distinctive gins, a spiced rum, and the newest release, a beautifully crafted Apple Pie Moonshine.

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ACROSS

1 Seer (7)

4 Escape unpunished (2,4-4)

9 Small wager (7)

13 Intimate contact (4)

14 Act well or properly (6)

15 Shouted (6)

16 Food processing factory (7)

18 Infection fluid (3)

20 Instructions for getting there (10)

21 Insufficiency (8)

22 Scorch (5)

25 Dwell in (6)

26 Dilapidated old car (6)

28 Go with (9)

33 Delayed explosive (4,4)

34 On ship (6)

35 Difficulty (7)

39 Bearing in abundance (8)

40 Bring to mind (6)

41 Powerful stroke with fist (4)

42 Rubber tree fluid (5)

43 Water vapour (5)

46 Retire after a defeat to recover strength or confidence (4,4,6)

53 Measuring device (5)

56 Fulcrum (5)

57 Ripped (4)

58 Dependable (6)

59 Running for office (8)

62 Serving, share (7)

63 Skilful (6)

64 Fans (8)

67 Device to help a musician keep time (9)

69 Word of honour (6)

70 Amass (6)

74 Fit of temper (5)

75 Nuclear reactor disaster (8)

77 Retailer (10)

81 Flatulence (3)

83 Hospital worker (7)

84 Grating of metal bars (6)

85 Set into surface (6)

86 Long tooth (4)

87 Bunch (7)

88 Proficiency (10)

89 Golf match spectators (7)

DOWN

1 Prodded (5)

2 Block (8)

3 Student's dissertation (6)

4 Pattern in wood (5)

5 Footfall (4)

6 Long adventurous journey (7)

7 Bird of prey (6)

8 Vote in (5)

10 Principal role (4)

11 Stress (7)

12 Make angry (6)

17 Disbelief, doubtfulness (10)

19 Urge, goad (3,2)

23 Broad-brimmed hat (8)

24 Fiery particle (5)

25 Eight-armed creature (7)

27 Shortly (4)

29 Reindeer (7)

30 Nailed (anag)(6)

31 Concavity (6)

32 Calm and peaceful (6)

34 Open-mouthed (5)

36 Strengthening strut (5)

37 Bight (4)

38 Daring (4)

44 Camera stand (6)

45 Circa (5)

47 Superstar (4)

48 Realm (7)

49 Concept, belief (6)

50 Sit on heels (5)

51 Prohibited (8)

52 Surgical stitch (6)

53 Telepathist (4-6)

54 Water down (4)

55 Habitual customer (7)

60 Tribunal (5)

61 Self-satisfied (4)

65 Wound up (5)

66 Fellow sailor (8)

68 Eternal (7)

69 Acrid (7)

71 Keg (6)

72 Shapeless lump of food etc (6)

73 A season (6)

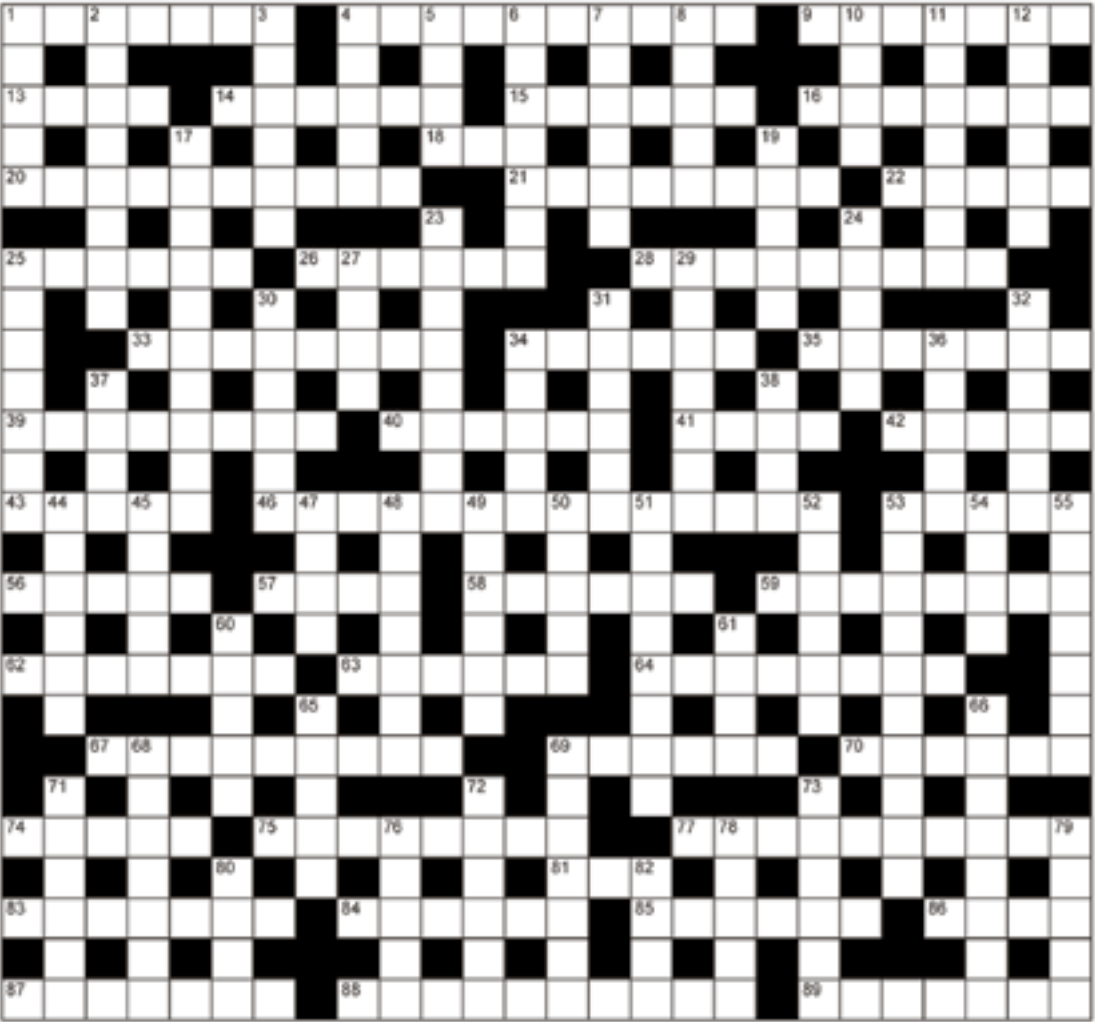
76 Trunk (5)

78 Bisect (5)

79 Team sport (5)

80 Delight (4)

82 Indication (4)



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SPORTS

Momentous win

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The inaugural senior mens' game for Hauraki Plains Football Club was a resounding success, as the team came away from their first ever game in the Waikato Senior Men's league with a win under their belts.

The Hauraki FC Wolves played against West Hamilton United, in a hard-fought match at Hugh Hayward Domain in Ngatea on April 6. The division 4 team donned their new home kit of red and black stripes to face the Hamiltonians.

They played a fast-paced and intensive game, and play travelled the full length of the field as the teams battled it out.

There were headers, goalie saves and plenty of close-quarters action. Despite the fierce rivalry though, there was still an abundance of sportsmanship to be seen, as demonstrated by a West Hamilton United player helping an injured Hauraki opponent to the sidelines. Chatter and spirits were high both on the field and off, with several supporters there to see the momentous event. The teams were well-matched, with the score nil-all at half-time. Ultimately though, the Wolves were able to pull ahead in the second half to take out the match 5-1.



The players get up close and personal to claim possession.

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A Hauraki player heads in for a header as the neighbours watch on.



West Hamilton slides in to nab the ball.



Wolves keep ahead of the competition.



A punt in time for Hauraki.



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