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On cue for world champs

Clare Shanahan is excited to be captaining New Zealand's first eightball team in more than 25 years.

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

"Pool is about maths and science. It's not about power and strength. I'm very tactical - I've got a good strategic game."

Clare Shanahan lights up when she talks about pool. Or any cue-based sport really - snooker, billiards, eightball, nineball, tenball; she loves them all.

The Te Puru woman, currently the coun-

try's fifth-ranked woman in the sport, has been named captain of the women's team for New Zealand's first foray to the Eightball World Championships in more than 25 years. She will join five other women from across New Zealand in Blackpool, England, on June 18-27 to represent the country, along with a men's team of nine players.

"This has been my dream, to represent New Zealand," Clare said.

"[And] this was an absolute wow moment for New Zealand pool. It's about getting New Zealand on the pool map so that then we can continue to go to them in the future."

Clare wasn't always into pool. However, by her own account she has always been competitive - formerly competing at darts, ten-pin bowling and Irish dancing. And when she did pick up a cue 18 years ago, she quickly found she was a natural.

"I was in my 40s when I started playing pool, which is old to start a sport, really," she said. "I joined the club in Nelson. And then a month later, I was playing in the Nelson rep team. I had really found the thing that I loved, and luckily had a lot of natural ability at it."

For Clare, the sport is more than just a hobby. "A lot of people have said to me, 'you

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Cueing up to take on the world

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play like a man'. I do not take it as an insult, it's me playing aggressive, getting out there and potting and not blocking pockets and stuff like that. But when I need to, I'll block those pockets and play the tactical game."
Ninety per cent of the game was mental, she said. "When I go, I focus on it. I don't drink alcohol, I'm there to play."
Preparation for the championships has been intense. Clare travels to Auckland every week to play in Glen Eden. In between, she's lining up shots at the Thames Workingman's Club. In order to practise with the international rules, she's also had to teach her club mates the official ruleset, and hunt down people in Auckland with international-sized tables.
"Different tables, different balls, different rules," she said.
"The white ball is smaller... It moves differently when it contacts the ball. As I said, it's maths and science. It's harder to get the ball to go forward, but way easier to screw it back."
"It is a very strategic rule set, but it's very positive and aggressive. I absolutely love it. It's my favourite rules by far."



Clare with some of the many awards and trophies. Photo: SUPPLIED
It's perhaps surprising then, to learn that Clare won't be focused on winning in Blackpool. "If I play well and I lose, that's actually okay. There's a saying that I love: 'losing is learning and winning is teaching.' And that's why when I lose in a tournament, I generally like to stay and watch the people. Because they're better than me."
What she truly loved about the game, Clare said, was the social aspect. She can play with mates, with strangers, with

Nelson - I want to start coaching kids. The ideal age to start teaching people is like 11 or 12. They're capable, but they're not knowledgeable. So I want to get involved."
First though, she needs to make it to Blackpool. The players are self-funding their trip, which includes a mandatory 10-day stay at the hotel where the competition is being held.
"Just the accommodation alone for us is \$24,000. I'm doing raffles, and people in Christchurch have been running pool tournaments for funding... We've even got beautiful shirts [for sale]," she said.
"I'll put it this way, I've got my car on the market to help fund my trip. That's how much this means to me to go."
And in the end, Clare said, she's just happy to have the opportunity to do something she loves.
"We are creating history for New Zealand pool, and to be selected - not only as a player, but to captain the team - I just feel really honoured."
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Waihi Beach	-0	11	-0	12

Thames' upgraded Porritt Park playground ready for play

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

Thames' new destination playground in Porritt Park opened to much fanfare on May 31, with a crowd of benefactors, dignitaries and eager schoolchildren present for the occasion.

The \$1.5 million playground was officially opened at 10am by Thames Coromandel Mayor Len Salt and four Thames children chosen from a group of colouring competition winners. After the ribbon cutting, seven-year-old Anika Irvine from Pārāwai School was given the honour of having the first play on the new equipment.

The opening was the culmination of several years' work, after the majority of the budget was gifted to Thames by philanthropist couple Jackie and Chris Reeve for the express purpose of a free, accessible play space.

Jackie told *The Profile* she and Chris wanted something that was open to everyone.

"We build playgrounds that have no age limit," she said.

"It's one of the main things for us because there's so many parents and grandparents who should be allowed to play with their children. And carers should be allowed to play, but also, especially, there's a lot of communities which have adults that have a younger mind, and they should be allowed to play."

"Play is really important to me," she said. "Before I met Chris, I was a solo mum, just trying to make ends meet, really. I used to pack a picnic lunch three



TOP LEFT: Mayor Len Salt, children, and benefactor Jackie Reeve officially open the playground, which was then enjoyed by many.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

times a week, and we'd go to a park and play. And then it ended up with a whole lot of other families that knew our kids, and they would join us. It was just so cool because it was free, and it was fun."

Construction at Porritt Park began in early February this year. The upgraded playground features new play equipment such as a climbing tower light-house and *Wakatore* boat, based

on the local history of the area.

It includes wheelchair-accessible equipment, and some of the original play pieces have been retained. Extra seating, a barbeque area and a basketball court have also been included, with the aim of making the space a gathering place for the whole community.

Laughter and shouting quickly filled the air at the opening as the invited children gave the new equipment a once-over, and

Mayor Salt commented that the day was all about the kids.

"The best thank you we can have is watching the children enjoy this facility," he said.

Other significant contributors to the project were A & G Price, Claymark, Playco, Toyota NZ and Trust Waikato, which each made donations in excess of \$50,000. Ngāti Maru, the Thames Business Association and the Thames Community Board supported

the build with tikanga, fundraising and community engagement.

Thames Business Association chief executive Sue Lewis-O'Halloran said there was still work to be done, with a shortfall of around \$250,000 needed to complete the playground, including the planned Changing Places accessible toilet facility.





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John Bertrand Collectables
Buying in Thames, Hauraki and
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Once again, the gold and collectables buyers from Wellington company John Bertrand Limited are visiting Thames, Hauraki and Coromandel Regions this week. Mr Tony Grant from the company says, "If you are downsizing or wanting to dispose of things because they no longer serve any purpose to you or your family bring them in". "This week will be a great opportunity to have any items you want to sell assessed by our buyers" said Mr Grant. Particularly wanted are Gold and Silver (in any of its forms) and Collectables such as Coins, Banknotes, War Medals, Old Wind-up Watches and other interesting Small Collectables.

"We are keen buyers, especially of the items in the list below" said Mr Grant. "Nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as happy buying 1 item as we are buying 1,000 items" he said. The buyers will be in convenient locations in Thames, Hauraki and Coromandel Regions this week (see details below). As Tony Grant points out "If you are in doubt about any items you may wish to sell, bring them along for an instant appraisal."



Mr Anthony (Tony)
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Interesting Small
Collectables Wanted

The buyers from John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd, visiting Thames, Hauraki and Coromandel Regions this week, are happy to look at any interesting items, for example vintage pocket and wristwatches such as Rolex, Men's Omega, Breitling and gold watches etc. Also wanted, pre 1950's picture postcards, Maori and Pacific artefacts, old fountain pens and other small antique or historical items.

"If you have something unusual which you would like to sell, please bring it into one of our venues, we would like the chance to at least have a look at it" said Tony Grant, buyer for the Company. "We will consider anything which may be of interest to a collector" he said.

Some Big Dollars in Early Banknotes

Early New Zealand Banknotes dated before 1932 are currently fetching big money! This is according to Mr Tony Grant, author of the *John Bertrand New Zealand Coin & Banknote Catalogue*. Mr Grant is in Thames, Hauraki and Coromandel Regions this week on a buying trip for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd and would be very keen to see any of these issues. "We will pay at least \$300 for any undamaged Ten Shilling or One Pound banknote from

a New Zealand trading bank dated 1932 or before.

Denominations of five pounds and higher would be worth from \$700. "Any banknote dated prior to 1900 would be worth at least \$1000" said Mr Grant.

Also purchased are any Reserve Bank of New Zealand pre-decimal issues, especially 50 Pound notes. All overseas banknotes are also wanted, especially early Pacific Island issues.

Collectors Need War Medals

Currently, throughout NZ and the world there is a big demand by collectors for war medals. These cover all wars right through from the New Zealand Land Wars and the Boer War, to the First and Second World Wars and the later Korea and Vietnam conflicts. New Zealand Servicemen and Women first served overseas in the Boer War in South Africa around 1900 and the war medals awarded for this service are needed by the buyers, as are any other Medals from early New Zealand and the New Zealand Wars.

General service medals from both the First and Second World Wars will also be purchased, but as can be imagined these were awarded in fairly large numbers. "If a group of medals has any special award for bravery such as the Military Medal, Military or Flying Cross or other medals for Distinguished Conduct or Meritorious Service, these can add great value to a group" stated Mr Tony Grant, buyer for John Bertrand (Collectables) Ltd. "Many families have old medals, some dating back to early Imperial days, that they are not sure what to do with. These are better off in the hands of collectors who will look after them. We will be happy to look at any war medals whatsoever, just bring them in to venues" he said.

Old Coins Can Toss Up a Rarity

Do you have a bunch of old coins sitting around in your drawers and cupboards? You just never know what rarities may be lurking there. The advice from Tony Grant from John Bertrand (Collectables) Limited is to "bring them in and let us have a look". "No need to sort anything out just bring them in 'as is' and please don't clean them! We can go through coin accumulations and collections fairly quickly" he said. The buyers are particularly keen to buy pre 1946 New Zealand Silver Coins for at least 10 times their face value (more for quantity). "In any event we will buy All Coins," said Mr Grant.

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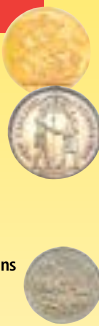
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Convictions for reckless driver

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

A man has been convicted of reckless driving after being accused of ramming into the back of another car four times then failing to stop.

On May 27, the Thames District Court heard how Terry McColl was driving at night in Tuataewa on the Coromandel Peninsula on September 2 last year with his headlights on high beam and hazard lights on.

“[The victim] pulled over to let you pass, instead you crashed into her causing damage to the car, and then left without checking she was okay,” Judge KBF Saunders said.

Mr McColl had attended a restorative justice meeting with the victim where he explained he was trying to pass her on a hill and accidentally struck the back of her car.

However, she disputed his version of events, saying he rammed her car at least four times.

Mr McColl was charged with operating a motor vehicle recklessly and failing to stop after an accident. He was sentenced to intensive supervision for one year and was required to complete a non-violence programme, as well as being disqualified from driving for six months.

In sentencing, Judge Saunders took account of his apology, willingness to pay reparations of \$2700, and a character reference holding him in “high regard”.

However, she noted his his-

tory of offences, which included alcohol, driving and violence offences dating back as far as 1993; and cautioned Mr McColl to “take stock” of his situation.

Meanwhile, a man found with an unregistered rifle and ammunition on April 29 has been convicted and sentenced to 80 hours of community service.

The court heard Emmett Dreaneen, who does not hold a firearms licence, was accused of unlawfully being in possession of the items after they were found by a member of the public under a road cone in Auckland.

Mr Dreaneen’s lawyer said the man had removed the items from some youths who were pointing it at his dog, and subsequently hid them under the traffic cone to avoid being caught with them. However, the prosecuting sergeant told the judge this version of events was unconfirmed.

Judge Saunders said she could give him the benefit of the doubt for possessing the rifle, but not the large amount of ammunition, and said he should have taken it to the police.

“Clearly knew you shouldn’t have had it... Ordinarily the only reason to have an unlawful weapon is for unlawful reasons,” she said.

“The wrong decision was made.”

Judge Saunders also ordered the destruction of the items.



Te Korowai closes rural medical clinic

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

A shortage of medical staff has forced the temporary closure of Te Korowai’s Te Aroha Whānau Health Centre, resulting in around 1600 patients being redirected to Paeroa.

The Te Aroha centre, which is a satellite clinic of Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki, ceased appointments on May 31.

A letter sent to affected patients said the closure was a “difficult decision”.

“Unfortunately, the current workforce shortages with medical practitioners that we require to ensure the continued delivery of quality medical care from our Te Aroha Whānau Health Centre has made it increasingly difficult for us to operate,” the letter said.

“After considerable reflection... we have had to make this very difficult decision to temporarily downsize our medical care services.”

The clinic was already operating with reduced hours, with services only available on Wednesdays.

From June 4, the medical team, receptionist and kaiāwhina will be relocated to Te Korowai’s Paeroa Whānau Health Centre.

A Te Korowai spokesperson said the 1600 enrolled patients who identified Te Aroha as their preferred treatment site would still be eligible to receive medical services at other Te Korowai clinics in the district.

“There is an international and national shortage of clinical staff, particularly GPs,” the spokesperson said.

“We are, however, fortunate to be able to continue to deliver ser-



Around 1600 patients are being redirected to Te Korowai’s Paeroa health centre.

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vices from another of our sites...

“We do acknowledge that travel can be an issue for some whānau, particularly in our rural locations.”

The consolidation of staff to one site would help manage wait times for patients in the meantime, they said, with two GPs, three clinical nurses and two kaiāwhina now available in Paeroa.

The spokesperson also said the organisation was committed to keeping practice fees affordable despite the need to attract more staff.

The organisation will continue to advertise for new recruits, but said it could not reopen services in Te Aroha until it could ensure its

services could be delivered safely for both patients and staff.

“Unfortunately the shortage has made this an extremely challenging employment market,” the spokesperson said.

“Furthermore, it would be remiss of Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki to not mention the need for appropriate and sufficient general practice funding required from government, considering the pressures on services and constraints on access are even more accentuated in Pare Hauraki, as a rural sector of the health system.”



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\$450k overspend concerns council

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

The Hauraki District Council's mayor and councillors knew nothing about a \$450,000 budget overspend on council projects, it was revealed in a recent meeting.

A report tabled at the May 29 meeting said the council's approved delegation cap of \$76 million in net debt had been exceeded in April, with the borrowed figure now standing at \$76.45m.

The report said the extra expenditure was due to a higher operating expenditure than forecast, and it recommended the council retroactively approve the overspend.

However, councillors were quick to voice their displeasure with the request, saying the overspend was indicative of a persistent over-budgeting culture within council.

"Every time we have these meetings we're over-budgeting. We need to address [it]," councillor Josh Martyn said.

Councillor Bhavesh Ranchhod said: "Why do we have delegations if they can be exceeded and retroactively approved?"

The question was echoed by councillor Carole Daley, who said: "We're operating outside our authority".

Councillors also raised concerns around internal communication. Several members, including Mayor Toby Adams, said they had been unaware of the overspend until they received the report.

"This was quite a big jump and no one knew about it - that's the part where the councillors are concerned. It should have been flagged a lot earlier that there would be overspend," Mayor Adams said.

The report said a number of projects on the council's current work programme would need to be put on hold if the overspend was not approved, until the adoption of the new long term plan.

Chief executive Langley Cavers said the pressure was on the council to achieve 80 per cent of its projects, saying the overspend was a pragmatic, short-term issue. However, he acknowledged the councillors' concerns, taking note of their "very clear message" not to deviate from project budgets.

"We got it a bit wrong in this case... We spent a bit more than we had planned," he said.

The overspend was eventually approved by council, which also approved the raising of the delegation cap to \$90m of net debt, bringing it in line with new forecasts from the long term plan.

Meanwhile, the council also agreed to continue endorsing Destination Hauraki Coromandel (DHC), bringing it in line with Thames Coromandel District Council's recent commitment to continue supporting the organisation.

DHC was seeking an "enhanced status quo" from the councils, and tabled a review which said the entity was fulfilling its core purpose but had "room for improvement".

Councils were not asked for extra funding, and the commitment would instead involve more collaboration with DHC to ensure a consistent approach to tourism marketing in the region.

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By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

More than 50 people gathered in Paeroa on May 30 as part of nationwide action or hikoī organised by Te Pāti Māori and Toitū Te Tiriti to protest against the government's proposed changes to legislation affecting Māori.

People across the country showed up to attend hikoī or rallies in their regions, which also included demonstrations in Thames, Ngatea and Waihi.

In Paeroa, adults, children, and whānau sang waiata, held up banners and waved Tino Rangatiratanga flags while passersby offered honks and waves of support at the roundabout intersecting State Highways 2 and 26.

Paeroa hīkoi co-coordinator Hinemoana Collier told *The Profile* the call was to “urge our people to oppose our coalition government” regarding the proposed repeal of Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, the fast tracking approval bill and removal of Te Aka Whai Ora Māori Health Authority.

The day was an “opportunity for us to make history and to include our tamariki and be a part of this”, she said.

Paeroa protestors started just before 8am with a karakia.

At 9am the group finished with waiata and karakia, then



Protestors gather together in unison, including Paeroa Central School students, teachers and whānau.

Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

made their way over to join the Thames hikoī at Victoria Park.

Toitū Te Tiriti, or Honour the Treaty movement, and Te Pāti Māori called for Māori and non-Māori to join in the action by going on strike to demonstrate

“a unified Aotearoa response to the government’s assault on Tangata Whenua and Te Tiriti o Waitangi”.

They said the kaupapa (cause) was about “asserting the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as endur-

ing and everlasting”.

Prior to the nationwide action, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said it was “entirely wrong” and “illegal” for Te Pāti Māori to be encouraging people to take the day off work.

“Feel free to protest - that’s what we have weekends for,” he said in a media conference.

People were free to protest as they want - “as long as it’s legal and peaceable and it’s lawful”, he said.

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Petition for Patetonga goods shed denied



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.

1913

Waikaka (now Patetonga) settlers petitioned the Minister of Lands asking for improved methods of transport from the Piako River and to build a goods shed in the settlement.

But the Minister refused saying Mr Scotcher's truck was well used for the carriage of settlers' goods from the wharf on the Piako River up to Waikaka, a distance, of 3¼ miles. When the truck was not in use by Mr Scotcher, he lent it to any settler who required it, but the settler had to find his own horse and driver.

As well as Scotcher's truck there were two smaller ones which are always available for use. On the wharf there was a very large shed for storing goods, and no reason why arrangements could not be made for settlers to access their goods whenever they wanted.

Under the circumstances the government felt it was not necessary to put an extra tram on the line and adequate storage had already been provided for settlers free of charge at the wharf.

Another petition, this time



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A new homestead block to be opened up for settlement at Waikaka (Patetonga).

from Miranda settlers to the Thames County Council, asked for their co-operation in securing from the government a block of land at Miranda on which hot springs were situated, and also acquiring land for small areas of settlement.

It was well known that the hot springs at Miranda had curative properties, and steps needed to be taken to have them reserved for the benefit of the public. The request was approved.

Meanwhile, a mystery, almost as perplexing as a movie plot, came Mr Hawken's way after he finished his entertainments – the showing of moving pictures – at Paeroa.

It was his custom to return home to Karangahake in a sulky each evening and have this vehicle brought round to the front of

the theatre. It was also his custom to have supper before leaving, his horse calmly standing outside waiting. As well as the sulky for Mr Hawken and the operator, there was a spring trap to carry the engine and other show paraphernalia.

This, with the driver, safely got away but when Mr Hawken and his attendant came out, to their intense surprise, they found their horse and trap had vanished. Theory was rife, some bystanders suggesting that someone had taken it to Hikutaia and would return later.

Mr Hawken immediately procured a bicycle and made off in the direction of Karangahake hoping to catch up to the driver of the spring trap.

Having reached Turners Hill, and seeing no trace of horse

or trap, he returned to Paeroa, branching off in numerous directions without success. Long after midnight, another trap was secured for Mr Hawken and his assistant and they drove off to Karangahake. A couple of Karangahake resident's was also scouring the country for the valuable rig.

Each took different roads, but, worn out, they gave up the hunt at 6am and returned to Karangahake. There they found the horse peacefully standing at the stable door waiting to get in.

No equipment was disturbed, and theory was the horse must have followed the spring trap for a distance and wandered off for a bit of fresh grass or that, after all, some diabolical individual had taken it to Hikutaia, brought it back again to Paeroa, and turned it adrift.

Chris' Quiz

*Weekly quiz compiled by
Chris Parminter*

1. King Charles' real birthday is in which month?
2. How many teeth (including wisdom teeth) does an adult human have?
3. Which NFL player will host the first season of the US TV show *Are you smarter than a celebrity?*
4. What was the original name of Pepsi?
5. The flag of the Central African Republic contains how many horizontal stripes?
6. A Rhodes scholar is someone who studied at which English university?
7. Which explorer missed discovering Antarctica by 150 miles in 1773?
8. The movie *Lost in Translation* is set in which city?
9. In 2021, which New Zealand town announced that it would ignore Daylight Savings?
10. Gondolas have been suggested as a tourist attraction for which eastern Waikato town?



Answers: 1. November; 2. 32; 3. Travis
Kelsey; 4. Brad's Drink; 5. 4; 6. Oxford
University; 7. James Cook; 8. Tokyo; 9. Te
Anau; 10. Te Aroha.



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Holidays and rhythm

OPINION

By MICHAEL WILKES



Holidays for me are a funny thing. I love them and dread them. It is not because I am a workaholic, but instead because of my loss of routine. My normal routine is to rise early before the kids and steal a moment of stillness.

A moment where I can have time to read, reflect, and fuel up my spiritual tank so to speak. Sometimes the routine feels dry and does not feel like it does a lot for me, and sometimes its absolutely inspiring. Yet almost without fail every time the holiday's roll around I relax.

My alarm for the early rise goes off and I fall back to sleep. I stay up later and my routine or rhythm crumbles. And the funny thing is that I am suddenly reminded of how important my routine is for me. Even when it feels like it's boring and lost a bit of focus, it turns out rhythm brings life for me.

As I reflect on this, I remember learning that the only clinically proven actions that help depression is routine and for anxiety it is exposure. I heard this at a training around the therapeutic model, DNA-V, that we use in our work. This has been such a helpful thing to be aware of both for myself and for people I connect with. It is so normal for most of us, when something unexpected or hard comes along to be knocked off track a bit.

Our routine gets thrown out the window and it can be a challenge or even impossible to step back on

to that same track. The challenge is that if we stay off track long enough, we will begin to experience apathy and a loss of direction.

And as George Washington Carver said, "Where there is no vision, there is no hope".

From there it's not hard for depression and anxiety to take hold.

And the irony is that the very things that are good for us, the very things that would get us back on track, become the hardest things to do. Depression destroys motivation and the last thing we want to do is follow a routine. Anxiety breeds fear and the last thing we want to do is face those fears.

Yet they are the very things that will see the struggle reduce. They are the very things that will grow our world again. But I wonder if it's something to consider for most of us. Holidays are great, but they can lead to a loss of routine and motivation.

Chilling out at home is cool for a bit, but if you're a nervous personality it can lead to becoming anxious about doing certain things. And so, with these things in mind, maybe, just maybe, we need to consider that there are some things we do that we can't afford to take a holiday from. For me its my morning moment of stillness.

What is it for you?

Michael Wilkes is a Living Well Trust Youth Worker. He and his team provide mentoring and resilience programmes across Thames and Paeroa to more than 300 students a year. They are passionate about supporting our young people to thrive. Much of this work is funded outside of schools and it becoming increasingly challenging in the current climate. Email michael@livingwell.org.nz to sign up to their quarterly newsletter or to become a supporter.



Hauraki Car Club founders Douglas Amon and Nadia Stone. Photo: SUPPLIED

New doco aims to break stereotype

By TALLIS AUSTEN, Gateway Journalism Student

When Douglas Amon and Nadia Stone founded the Hauraki Car club, their aim was to create a community where car lovers in the Hauraki area could come along, have some fun, and share their passion with others.

The couple, who grew up in Thames and on the Thames Coast, created the club out of a love of cars. "Since we're car people, we wanted to do more car related stuff around here but there were no groups and no one you could really do it with so we took the liberty of creating that ourselves," Douglas said. Nadia added she felt people were drawn to car clubs because of "the vibe of it".

"Everyone's really friendly, everyone makes you feel so welcome. And you know everyone's there for the same reason, there's no bad

vibes, no one wants to do anything dangerous or off putting.

"Some people bring their kids to meets, we had a kitten brought to one once."

The club is putting out a documentary, set to be released soon, about the stigmas and assumptions they feel people sometimes make about the car community.

"The documentary is basically covering the reasons we feel we get a bad name and why we're not the bad people," Nadia said.

"We don't do burnouts or take over intersections so emergency services can't get through or leave any rubbish or anything like that. People usually look at us and think that's what we do and it's not.

"We just hangout, we don't do any racing or skids or anything like that," Douglas said. "Everyone was really on board, we got so many people coming to that meet when

it was filmed we filled up a whole car park, it was really good, it's cool to be a part of something big you can watch grow into something you like."

Tony Elden, who's producing the documentary, told *The Profile* the documentary, *Car Enthusiasts Unplugged* endeavoured to illuminate the often neglected facets of the car scene. "My personal perspective is that everyone has an escape in their life that aids their mental wellbeing," he said.

"For many in the car community, their passion serves as such an escape, yet society has normalised a negative perception around it.

"Through this documentary, we seek to promote inclusivity, understanding and empathy, while raising awareness about the vital role of mental health in our lives."

DETAILS: Find Hauraki Car Club on Instagram and YouTube for more info.

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Rural Life

New rural advocacy hub to be launched

Fieldays, New Zealand’s premier agricultural event, has announced the establishment of a dedicated Fieldays Rural Advocacy Hub in partnership with Federated Farmers.

The hub will bring together various rural organisations advocating for farmers and championing their interests as one team, under one roof, for the first time. It will also serve as a central platform for discussions, announcements and initiatives to amplify the voices and concerns of the countries farmers and rural communities.

With almost a dozen exhibitors in its inaugural year, there will be strong representation for farmers and diversity of representation. Exhibitors include Federated Farmers, Young Farmers, Groundswell, Rural Women, Future Farmers NZ, Farmers Weekly, and many more.

The hub will be a must-visit new addition to Fieldays, held at Mystery Creek, Hamilton, June 12-15, where farmers are encouraged to come and discuss the issues affecting the future of farming in New Zealand.

New Zealand National Fieldays Society chief executive Peter Nation said it was great to be able to work alongside Federated Farmers to deliver a dedicated advocacy space.

“This new hub delivers on Fieldays’ purpose of advancing agriculture through both education and collaboration,” Mr Nation said. “We know it’s incredibly tough out there this year. It’s never been more important for farmers to be heard and to have advocates amplifying their voice.

“Federated Farmers is New Zealand’s leading rural advocacy organisation, so they were a natural fit for us to partner with to bring the Hub to life. Fieldays provides the opportunity for connection and collaboration, and this hub will live those values”.

Federated Farmers president Wayne Langford said the hub built on Federated Farmers’ vision to unite rural advocacy groups as one team supporting farmers.

“Farmers want to see the different advocacy groups who represent them working together constructively to get the best outcomes we can for our rural communities,” Mr Langford said.

“If we work as a team, with everyone playing in the right position, we can achieve a lot more for farmers than any one organisation can working alone.

“We’ve all got our own positions and roles to play in the team, but we need to be working together and communicating well or we risk knocking the ball on.

“This hub will bring all of those players together under one roof for the first time and we look forward to continuing to build on the concept in future years.”

Located on site D70, in the Gallagher Building, the hub is the newest edition to the suite of Fieldays Hubs that are key focus areas for visitors to explore during Fieldays. Other hubs include the Fieldays Innovation Hub, Fieldays Careers & Education Hub, Fieldays Hauora Taiwhenua Health & Wellbeing Hub, Fieldays Forestry Hub, Fieldays Digital Futures and the Fieldays Sustainability Hub.

Full details of the exhibitors in the Hub and the activities can be viewed at www.fieldays.co.nz or by downloading the official Fieldays App before the event.

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- The Valley Profile team

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If you're interested in helping out, come out to the Site on a Saturday or Sunday between 10.00am and 1.00pm and make your self known to the Volunteers at the Museum, or check out www.vbts.org.nz or www.volunteeringwaikato.org.nz





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Thames-Coromandel district Mayor Len Salt

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Hauraki district Mayor Toby Adams

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Gary said he started with a team of three, and now there are seven staff.


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Meeting with them and hearing how the decisions made in Wellington impact our communities is a big part of my job as the local MP.

Each time I enter Parliament, these discussions are always uppermost in my thoughts.

I also have a personal connection

to the Coromandel.

My family have called this place home for generations. Getting the best outcomes for our region is personal to me.

I'm always keen to hear from constituents.

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FOOTBALL

THAMES FOOTBALL CLUB

There was no cup upset on the cards on Saturday afternoon as Thames Senior Mens succumbed to the superior Melville Mighty in a whopping 8-0 defeat at Gower Park. A result was always going to be a big ask as Thames travelled west to face opposition a league above them and top of Division 1.

The gulf between the teams was clear from the outset with Melville controlling proceedings with ease, moving the ball quickly and piling pressure on the Thames backline. Although Thames put up a brave fight for the first 12 minutes, they eventually conceded the opening goal when Darby Seabright neatly converted a pass from Josh Billman. It was another direct through ball that resulted in Melville's second of the afternoon as Micheal Cosgrave rounded the onrushing keeper, before passing into an empty net. "We were outclassed by the better team on the day. We need to learn from it and shift our focus back to the league with some big games coming up the next couple of weeks," coach Micheal Kim said. Final Score; Melville Mighty As 8-0 Thames FC

WAIHI FOOTBALL CLUB

Waihi men's Division 2 side caused a Cup upset as they beat higher ranked Claudelands Rovers Seasoned Squatters 4-3 in Hamilton in the Waikato Knock-out competition. Upcoming games: June 8 Men's division 2 v Thames at Rhodes Park, Thames 2.45pm kick off, Men's Division 4 v Huntly at Waihi College, kick off 2.45pm. June 9, Waihi women v Melville Epics, Hamilton, 11am kick off.

TV RUGBY

WAIHI REMAIN UNDEFEATED

Round 8 - Compiled by Tighthead Ted and his network of spies.

With four rounds remaining before the semi-finals, the question arises, who can stop the Waihi Athletic Juggernaut? Undeclared after eight rounds, the colossus that has built at Waihi seems unstoppable. Waihou is next up to test



Keegan Apperley's sliding tackle denies Melville a third goal. Photo: MARK BROWN

Athletic in Te Aroha, - that will be one to watch in the race for the top four spots come knockout time. This week also saw an unfortunate default by Hauraki North to Whangamata - just the third time in their 116 year history they have failed to field a team. They will be back next week for a clash against Mercury Bay in Whitianga.

MERCURY BAY v WAIHI ATHLETIC

Lyon Park, Whitianga. Referee: J Grieve. The juggernaut continues to roll. Waihi Athletic powered past Mercury Bay in a clinical display at the beach, powerful running forwards, polished halves, and a midfield constantly punching holes, saw 64 points piled on before the gutsy home side applied the brakes in the final quarter of the match.

Not to say Mercury Bay did not contribute to the match, but it's tough to score many points when you're constantly defending, and with Waihi constantly breaking the gain line before being brought to ground, it was a very tough day at the office for the Marlins. Waihi were a class above as they rattled on the points in the first 60, from the loose trio of Axtens, Ranga and Seiuli dragging tacklers as they stormed up the field, followed by Delany and Collard

setting the backline away, it was pretty to watch if you were from gold mining territory.

Mercury Bay tried hard to a man, and worked for the full 80 minutes trying to stem the flood tide that Waihi has become. Leading the way was centre Dane Mathew, hooker Lucas Lipa, and hardworking skipper Jamie Finnerty. Standing out in the well-oiled machine that Waihi has become is getting tough, but Seiuli at number 8 was one who did, as did tireless lock Ben Mellow. James Mahi at prop showed that 80 minutes is not too much for the low numbers, scoring a five pointer after full time. Matty Axtens and Petoru Pouri-Lane rounded out those who shone a little brighter! Hell, that's a third of the team - so maybe it's easy to stand out!

Mercury Bay 10 (C McLeod, M Pauai tries) lost to Waihi 64 (I Seiuli 2, C Gerlach, K Craig-Ranga 2, J Mahe, B Mellow, B Ranga, A Delany tries; Q Collard 8 conversions, penalty). HT 5-36

PAEROA v WAIHOU

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

A decent game of rugby was in danger of breaking out at times as Paeroa and Waihou attempted to make every error



Paeroa's cohesive play resulted in a solid win. Photo: SUPPLIED/TVRFU

in the book, and some maybe not in the book, as the match progressed. Both sides would have been disappointed with their ball control, often getting into great position to put the defence under pressure, before bombing it with forced passes or handling errors. Frustrating for the spectators, it must have been gut wrenching for the players! Paeroa though managed to put together more periods of cohesive play and came away with a solid win - one of the ones your coaches will say they're happy with, but "with plenty to work on". Paeroa 27 (A Gaslo, C Kerr, J Penu, K May-Matafeo tries; N Emeery 2 conversions, penalty) beat Waihou 17 (C Wood, S Lelenoa tries; A Radcliffe 2 conversions, penalty). HT 17-3.

COBRAS v THAMES

Boyd Park, Te Aroha. Referee: R Rogers. A solid performance from the home team saw an eventual comfortable win over the visiting Thames side. An early scare, with Thames snaring an intercept and halfback Seth Roe dotting down was soon forgotten as the Snakes pack went to work, giving Leroy Neels room to work his full skill set and control the game.

Two quick tries to Owen Fakatava,

both converted by Neels, bracketing a Thames penalty, saw COBRAS take the lead at the 11 minute mark, which they were never to relinquish. Their defence, led by young locks Tuitupou and Latu, repelled the big ball running forwards of the Thames pack time and time again, never giving the visitors a chance to gain momentum.

Players to catch the eye for the home team were hooker Dare, who gave a throwing clinic at the set piece, flankers Nawa and Raiyawa and midfielders Fakatave and Paseka. Thames was well served by captain Nigel Williams and Lea Mau, and tireless centre Dwayne Hughes.

COBRAS 36 (O Fakatava 3, E Naba, S Etoni tries; L Neels 4 conversions, penalty) beat Thames 17 (N Williams, S Roe, D Hughes tries; S Havealeta 2 conversions, penalty). HT 17-10.

SENIOR B

COBRAS 34 beat Coromandel 17; Whangamata 69 beat Waihou 0; Ngatea 5 lost to Waihi Athletic 28; Hauraki North LBD to Thames; Mercury Bay the bye.

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Western Plains Drainage District Committee

Thursday, 6 June 2024, 10.30am
Ngatea Service Centre

Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee

Thursday, 6 June 2024, 1.00pm
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Planning Committee

Monday, 10 June 2024, 9.00am

Audit and Risk Committee

Tuesday, 11 June 2024, 9.00am

Community Partnerships Committee

Wednesday, 12 June 2024, 9.00am

Regulatory Hearings Committee

Monday, 17 June 2024, 9.00am (confirmed)

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Monday, 24 June 2024, 9.00am

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Two plays will be performed each night, the first will be *Love letters*, a story following the lives of two people named Andy and Melissa. It will start at 7pm and run for an hour and quarter, after an intermission, the second play, *Strawberry Jam*, will run for 30 minutes.

Sara Single has directed *Love letters* and will star as one of the leads alongside fellow Paeroa Little Theatre member, Don Neil.

Love letters was about “two people who have kept in touch all their lives, and they’ve led quite different lives, which we learn as we go through”, Sara said.

“*Love letters* is a drama, as opposed to *Strawberry Jam* which is a comedy, so we’re sending them home laughing.” Sara said.

The second performance of the night will be directed by Biddy Hudson, who has been involved with the theatre for 23 years. *Strawberry Jam* is Biddy’s directing debut.

“*Strawberry Jam* is a comedy set in England that follows two sisters, Mary and Hester, and the mystery of how they get the deed of gift from their fathers death.

“Why is it called *Strawberry Jam*? You’ll have to come along to find out.” Biddy said.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$20, which include both plays, from Arkwrights Antiques, door sales may be available.

By Tallis Austen,
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ART FOR TREES

It’s complicated is an exhibition by local collage artist, Deborah MacDonald Brown.

“It is complicated as it explores post-modern consumer culture and the damage it has done to nature,” she said.

“We are living in a hyper-reality - we can get what we want any time at all. We are addicted and brainwashed to get more and more stuff, to shop till we drop. The flash gizmos, the sparkly things, the latest fashions: all feed our greed. Our greed gobbles up the world.”

Her work mirrors the mania of the media that



Rehearsing for *Strawberry Jam*. Photo: SUPPLIED engulfs us with its manipulative propaganda. The result of all this unconstrained consumption was climate chaos, she said.

“Change is coming, ready or not. The future is around us, not on our digital phones. It’s time to get real.”

MacDonald Brown is a scientist. She became a biologist because she was intrigued by the structure and beauty of living things. Following the environmental disasters of the 60s, she realised the need to protect nature and life on the planet. This theme runs through all of her work.

She works in the medium of digital collage. After she has photographed every element she assembles them to create a new reality. Recently she has moved away from the computer. She is now experimenting with handmade collage, a much messier and chaotic process she finds more satisfying.

DETAILS: Vessel Gallery, 752 Pollen St, Thames. Opening 5.30pm, June 7, running until July 4. Everybody is welcome. All proceeds to Vessel Gallery and the purchase and planting of trees.



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HARD

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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS

1 Poisonous (5)

4 Board game (8)

9 Motorist (6)

14 Canada's leaf (5)

15 Treacherous deceiver (1,5,2,3,5)

17 Hot drink (5)

18 Caddy contents (3)

19 Arsonist (7)

20 Up to Nelly (anag) (9)

21 Make certain of (6)

24 Target centres (9)

25 Sanctuary (6)

26 Wheeled boots (6)

29 Overwhelming grief (10)

31 Cloth scrap (3)

32 Pick (6)

33 Swoop (4)

35 Vase (3)

37 Colourful gemstone (4)

39 Laziness (9)

40 Account of events (9)

41 Extinguish (5)

42 Sex meter (anag) (8)

47 Leaflet (8)

51 Brothel boss (5)

55 Poker hand (4,5)

56 Unplanned or unrehearsed (9)

58 Willing to face danger (4)

59 Flushed (3)

60 Steel pin (4)

61 Ask to come (6)

62 Expected (3)

63 Quibble on minor, trifling points (5,5)

66 Homing bird (6)

67 Lottery (6)

69 Last request (5,4)

72 Vigour (6)

73 Musical string plucking (9)

75 Implore (7)

77 Prod (3)

80 Foreign (5)

81 World War II leader (7,9)

82 Take up again (5)

83 Tenderly, softly (6)

84 Exciting anticipation (8)

85 Wear away (5)

DOWN

2 Stubborn (9)

3 Reflection (5)

5 Ladder step (4)

6 Blue (7)

7 Nervous and easily upset (6-6)

8 Killed violently (5)

9 Put on show (7)

10 Early Peruvian (4)

11 More than is needed (6)

12 Sudden flood (5)

13 Winged horse (7)

14 Polish dance (7)

16 Balance (11)

22 Climb (6)

23 Silhouette (7)

24 Stealing intruder (7)

25 Debated (6)

27 Petty (7)

28 Reddish porous lava (6)

30 Potter's oven (4)

32 Muzzle (5)

34 Occurrence (5)

36 Stringed instrument (4)

38 Skin-pitting disease (3)

42 Small and dainty (5)

43 Revealing (7)

44 Reverberation (4)

45 Of a horse (6)

46 Idolise (5)

48 Climber (11)

49 Nonsense! (7)

50 Tree (3)

51 Claimed (anag) (7)

52 Centre (6)

53 Abdominal disorder (12)

54 Deprivation (4)

57 Coughed mucus (6)

64 Derided (9)

65 Predicted (7)

66 Courtroom offence (7)

68 Golf course avenue (7)

70 Acute (7)

71 Catch fire (6)

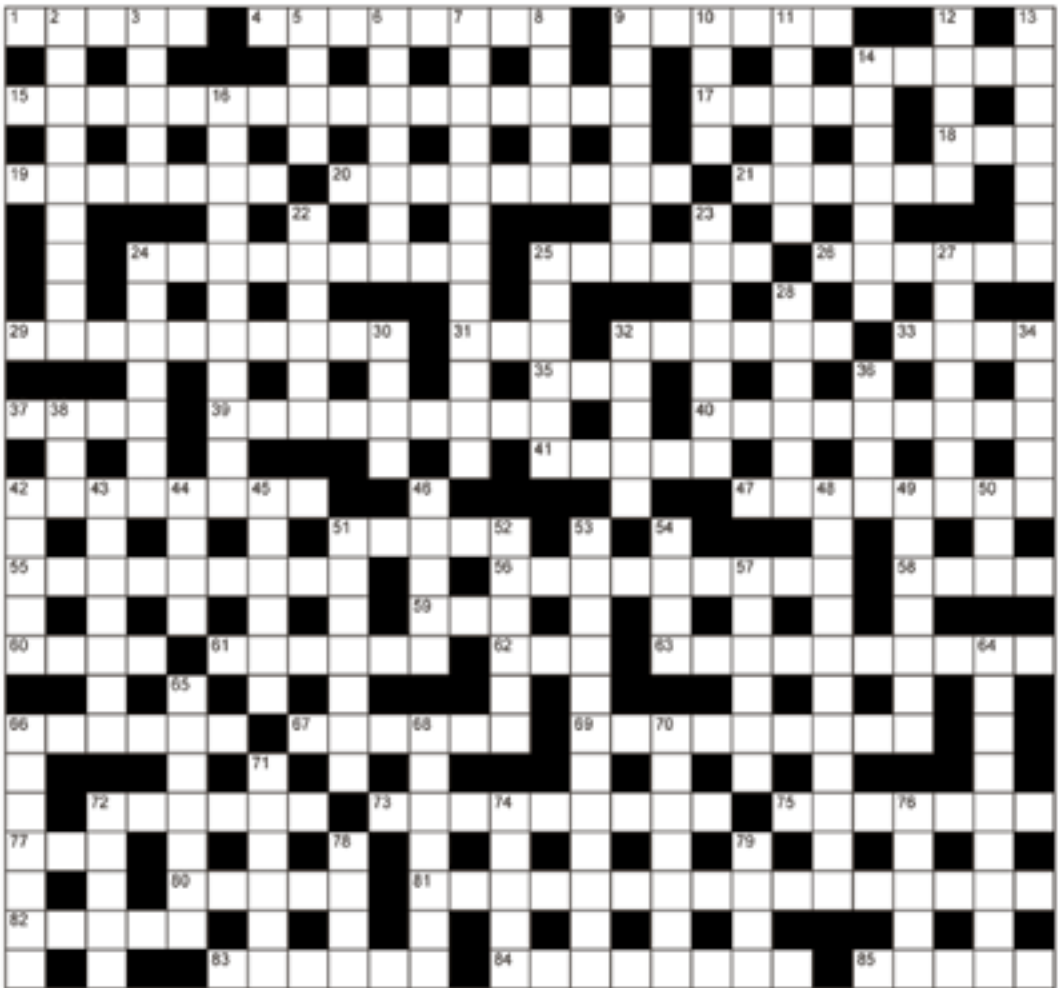
72 Piano key material (5)

74 Beltlike divisions (5)

76 Anaesthetic (5)

78 Tangle (4)

79 In this way (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Doubt, 4 Interest, 9 Menace, 14 Grill, 15 Show the white flag, 17 Carve, 18 Gap, 19 Gradual, 20 Toothpick, 21 Tsetse, 24 Petroleum, 25 Cellar, 26 Friend, 29 Henceforth, 31 Eye, 32 Sesame, 33 Loaf, 35 Eat, 37 Well, 39 Oversleep, 40 Ourselves, 41 Yearn, 42 Candidly, 47 Remanded, 51 Arena, 55 Truncated, 56 Spaghetti, 58 Gaff, 59 Ass, 60 Heir, 61 Cavity, 62 Ill, 63 Deputation, 66 Ashore, 67 Deacon, 69 Outgoings, 72 Energy, 73 Spark plug, 75 Engaged, 77 Pal, 80 Runny, 81 Brave the elements, 82 Edges, 83 Handle, 84 Serenade, 85 Strap.

DOWN: 2 Otherwise, 3 Bowed, 5 News, 6 Episode, 7 Even-tempered, 8 Tulip, 9 Magical, 10 Nice, 11 Corpse, 12 Dirge, 13 Clapped, 14 Gesture, 16 Heart of gold, 22 Coarse, 23 Passion, 24 Pickled, 25 Creepy, 27 Evolved, 28 Emerge, 30 Hush, 32 Stray, 34 Fused, 36 Beta, 38 Era, 42 Catch, 43 Nourish, 44 Itch, 45 Lethal, 46 Delay, 48 Maintenance, 49 Negates, 50 Elf, 51 Admirer, 52 Assign, 53 Fail to appear, 54 Shed, 57 Tiptoe, 64 Orchestra, 65 Arrears, 66 Adapted, 68 Capable, 70 Toughen, 71 Agenda, 72 Elegy, 74 Roads, 76 Alert, 78 Dyed, 79 Lewd.



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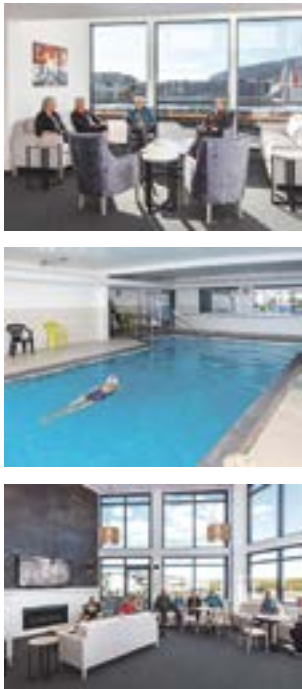
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