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# The man behind the moa



Gordon Clark has spent a lifetime creating lifelike taxidermied animals of all kinds. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

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

Former taxidermist Gordon Clark has a photo album stuffed to the brim with images of his life's work.

The 92-year-old now resides at Bupa Tararu Rest Home, but for more than 70 years he toiled in his workshop, creating stories with his preserved works.

"I've been a hunter, hunting man, and even when I was young, I started keeping things and making them. I got a correspondence course from America, and

that's how I really got started," Gordon said.

The mainstays of Gordon's career were privately commissioned pieces from proud hunters and fishers, destined for mounting in a family home or hunting lodge. Pigs, deer, birds, barracuda; Gordon's well-thumbed album is a menagerie.

But some of Gordon's pieces have made their way to the public eye over the years. By far the most unusual piece in Gordon's career, and the one he is most eager to discuss, is an enormous three-metre high replica of a giant moa, crafted from emu skins and feathers.

The replica, which he completed in October, 2004, was originally displayed at the Mercury Bay Historical Museum as part of its Coromandel-themed nature display. Since then, it has remained one of the museum's main attractions.

"It is quite a popular piece," museum manager Rebecca Cox said. "If you're a first-time visitor you have no idea that it's in that space and you walk in and here it is, it's kind of standing proud in its space."

Although the moa's maker is uncredited - a display plaque merely says it was donated by the Whitianga Freemasons, and the museum declined to comment on its origin - Gordon has multiple photographs capturing the two months he spent in its creation.

"I studied the moas, and I've got pamphlets on them. It's [from] the family of birds that don't fly... they've got special feathers, which is identical to all of them," Gordon said. "It's a double feather, which

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## Nature preserved: taxidermist looks back

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comes out of one hole. I thought, well, if I'm going to make one, I want to do it so it looks authentic. So I said, emus, ah, I should be able to get some emus."

Gordon ended up using a total of five emu carcasses in the moa's construction, due to its enormous size. The hardest part of the structure, he said, was the base.

"The big thing mounting that, was to get it to balance on two legs. So I had to make the base quite heavy, [and] it was held up with a steel frame."

The taxidermy process is intense, Gordon said, and it begins the moment a hunter makes a kill.

"That's the joy of being a taxidermist. I can be at home having a cup of coffee and the phone goes. Once I commit myself, I'm stuck with it," he said.

"But the animal's got to be in perfect condition. It can't be smelly or anything."

The first thing he'd do, Gordon said, was carefully remove the skin and tan it or treat it with preservatives to cure. Then he'd work on the frame, with the aid of photographs and measurements taken from the animal beforehand.

"You make a mould of polystyrene or fiberglass, and then you cover it," he said.

"It's surprising what I can do with a needle."

Once the skin was stretched back over the frame, and any imperfections mended, it was time to mount the piece.

"I always like to do natural things," Gordon said.

The pieces he made tell stories - one scene captured two magpies vying cheekily over a drop of "water" suspended from a tap, while another



The three-metre-high giant moa replica on display at the Mercury Bay Historical Museum is a highlight of Gordon's career. Photo: SUPPLIED

featured a ferret slinking into a nest of duck's eggs.

There's a lot of creativity, thought, and craftsmanship that goes into the process, Gordon said.

"You know, it takes a long time. I try to tell people I'm a bit like that old guy on TV that's curing cheese.

"He just says, 'it's not ready yet'. You can't rush it."

## Award goes to Profile's Nikki Sanders

The Valley Profile's advertising manager, Nikki Sanders, has once again been recognised for her work at this year's New Zealand Community Newspaper Association awards.

The annual event was held at The Rydges Latimer Square in Christchurch on May 9, and Nikki, who has been with The Profile since its establishment five years ago, took out Best Sales Professional.

She won the same award for her work in 2021 and 2022, and was named runner-up in 2023.

"Nikki's ability to sell has seen her continuously beat the targets set for her," the judges said, "to the extent that it has allowed The Valley Profile to increase its circulation by a further 2000 printed copies."

Reporter Alice Parminter also got a special mention in the Senior Journalist category for her stories covering the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle.

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| Waihi Beach | -0 | 12 | -0 | 12  |    |

# Thames' red crossings here to stay

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

Thames' red courtesy crossings are staying where they are after the community board decided not to adopt proposed changes from the local business association - but instead has made improvements of its own.

The crossings were installed across Mary and Pollen Streets in 2021 as part of pedestrian safety improvements for the former Create the Vibe public space. However, Thames Business Association chief executive Sue Lewis-O'Halloran told *The Profile* she'd heard of near-misses at the crossings since they were put in place.

"One of the association's strategic objectives is advocacy - and when a number of our members, and also non-members, approached us to 'do something before someone gets killed', we did... we followed due process," she said.

The business association put in a request to council staff to address the crossings, and were directed to its roading manager, who then suggested the association's committee make a formal request to the Thames Community Board.

Following this, the business association said it received a response from chair Adrian Catran, who, on behalf of the



The Thames Business Association says it's received reports of concern about the crossings, which were installed four years ago as part of pedestrian safety improvements for the former Create the Vibe space. File photo: KELLEY TANTAU

community board, said elected members did not feel it was an issue for concern and would not be taking any action.

"We were disappointed; however, we have to accept that the majority of the Thames Community Board have no concerns about the red crossings and the potential danger they represent to pedestrians and drivers," Sue said.

"We've reported back to our members and many are not satisfied with the response."

However, Mr Catran said the board was "more than happy" with how people were currently using the crossings. He said they were installed four years ago and there had been no pedestrian accidents recorded.

"As with most new initiatives, there is always room for im-

provement," he said. "As board chair I requested that the word 'pedestrian' be added to the crossings, so now it reads: 'Pedestrians: Stop. Look'.

"Currently, I have a Request for Service lodged with council for the current information signs to be made larger and a simple explanation given explaining how to use the crossings."

*"As with most new initiatives, there is always room for improvement."*

- Adrian Catran

He also noted the crossings needed to be repainted and hoped that would happen in council's next round of road marking.

According to New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, courtesy crossings are intended to "facilitate eye contact between pedestrians and drivers, resulting in a mutually negotiated position over who goes first".

Drivers were not required to stop at courtesy crossings; however the official New Zealand road code recommended that drivers be courteous to pedestrians using or waiting to use a courtesy crossing.

But while the business association believed the cheapest and easiest way for the red crossing confusion to disappear was to get rid of them, Mr Catran said the board's general feeling was that there was no evidence to suggest removing the crossings would make the area a safer environment.



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Open until 4pm Friday 23 May 2025

The Consultation Document for the government mandated Local Water Done Well decision is well worth a read. It'll give you a clear understanding of the two options available to our district for the long term delivery of drinking water and wastewater services.

Ultimately it's a complex issue with a simple question - do you support going with a sub-regional approach or not? Don't let too much water pass under the bridge - consultation closes on Friday 23 May.

Learn more and complete the submission survey at [letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/local-water-done-well](http://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/local-water-done-well)

Scan the QR code to dive into the Consultation Document



Annual Plan adoption, confirming rates for 2025/26, scheduled for May Council Meeting

## Wrap up of some 30 April Council decisions

### Whiritoa Community Hall Funding

A new targeted rate for Whiritoa ratepayers of \$21.00 was adopted to fund the operation and maintenance of the Whiritoa Community Hall, effective from 1 July 2025. This brings it in line with funding for other community halls.

### Cheers to Change

Balancing the need to reduce alcohol related harm in the community with availability, the changes to the Local Alcohol Policy included reducing the maximum trading hours to 8am – 8pm for off-licences and 8am – 1am for on-licences. Effective from 8 August 2025. View our website for all changes.

### Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2025/26

The major changes for 2025/26 are within user pays activities like hall hire, swimming pool fees, building consents and waste management. No increase to dog registration fee or the kerbside rubbish bin tag.

### Biodiversity Strategy adopted

This strategy is about enhancing and protecting Hauraki's biodiversity, working in partnership with Hauraki Iwi and the community. Read more about this important work and action plan at <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/biodiversity-strategy>



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#### Memories Over a Cuppa

**Where:** HDC's Ngātea Service Centre and Library  
84 Orchard West Road

**When:** 2pm – 4pm, Wednesday 21 May  
Afternoon tea provided.

## New temporary location

### Ngātea Service Centre and Library

Moves to the Ngātea War Memorial Hall, Supper Room  
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#### 2025 TIMELINE

- **15 & 16 May** Offices closed for relocation to Ngātea War Memorial Hall Supper Room
- **19 May** Customer and library services resume at this location
- **New Opening Hours** Monday to Friday  
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# Creators in symphony at Carving Symposium

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

Workers in stone, metal and wood came together recently for the third annual Ngākau Carving Symposium, hosted by Te Kura O Te Kauaeranga Thames South School.

For two weeks, more than 20 artists demonstrated their crafts in an immersive environment filled with workshops, displays, collaboration and creativity. Everything was open to the public, who were encouraged to come along and see the artists at work. There was also a whānau day where people could try their hand at carving.

Workshops included wāhine stone sculpting, led by Jocelyn Pratt as she guided 10 keen women on the carving tools; a contemporary take on traditional tukutuku weaving; an outdoor classroom allowing young carvers the chance to try a variety of different tools; a hands-on raranga tutorial making flax flowers; and a demonstration of various traditional tools and instruments.

The event culminated in a public auction on April 26, where several works were sold to raise funds for the school, while other pieces were commissioned.

Ngākau committee chair Andre Barlow said the event had been fantastic.

“There’s no one else that’s doing this in Hauraki at all... This was my vision three years ago to get to this stage where we had everything here at the school,” she said.

“We’ve had tukutuku, we’ve had weaving, we’ve had mahi toi greenstone, we’ve had kow-



Carvers of all mediums showcase their craft on the school grounds during the two-week symposium.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

haiwhai, and that’s all been open to the public.”

Even stormy weather over Easter weekend couldn’t dampen the artists’ spirits. “They hunkered down under eaves everywhere, they didn’t stop working,” she said.

Around the school grounds, artists worked alone or in pairs, and the ideas were flowing as everyone shared advice, tips and techniques.

Joe Dutaona, who travelled

from Papua New Guinea to participate, said he absorbed as much knowledge as he could from the other artists.

Much of the materials the artists worked with were reclaimed, found locally, or recycled. Stoneworker Raika Bradshaw-Stevens found the basalt for his Ruru carving in the Kauaeranga Valley; metalworkers Marti Wong and Zharn Hull discussed finding scrap metal

at the Seagull Centre.

Wood carver Ben Whitaker’s work in progress began as a reclaimed totara fence post.

“This is about all our journeys, I guess, as Māori today - deconstructing the systems that have put us where we are now and then finding our identity,” he said.

“I kind of get sad - a lot of our big tōtara trees would have been cut down, because it’s a rākau rangat-

ira to us. And the farmers saw the qualities of the timber, but they saw them for their fence posts.

“I like to turn them on their heads, like I’d take an old fence post, and start carving our identity again out of what would have been Tūturu Māori, and then it’s colonised, and then hopefully Tūturu Māori again, or a recipe that’s made up from the fragments of that.”

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## Oar-some milestone for Hauraki rowers

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Only a handful of rowers get the opportunity to compete in the annual North Island versus South Island Junior Regatta.

That's why it was a significant milestone for Hauraki Plains College students Paige Tevita-Williams and Blake Leach, who found out they were selected for the 2025 New Zealand Rowing U18 North Island Team.

The young athletes competed as part of the North Island team at Lake Karāpiro on April 18 to 19.

Their team was made up of five boys and five girls in sculling, and nine boys and nine girls in sweeping, they said.

Sixteen-year-old Paige told *The Profile* she was relieved when her name was read out.

It was amazing to be chosen after two days of "hard trials", she said.

While 15-year-old Blake said "my heart dropped" because he didn't expect to get through.

"[I] was absolutely stoked and gave my coach a hug."

Even though the South Island team won the overall points and took home the cup, the two Hauraki rowers gave it their best shot.

Blake competed and placed second in the boys' under 18s



HPC's Blake Leach, second right, in the NZ Rowing U18 North Island Team. Photos: DAVE MILLS PHOTOGRAPHY

cox quad sculls for his first race, fourth in the single sculls, but swept up first place in the second cox squad scull with a time of six minutes and 30.9 seconds, he said.

Paige competed and placed second in the under 18s cox quad sculls for her first race, second in the double sculls and second in her second race for the cox quad sculls.

For both rowers, the biggest challenge was the last 500 metres of the quad races, they said.

"Seat racing was hard with your hands bleeding and rowing with people you haven't rowed with," they said.

It was clear the promising rowers were dedicated to their sport.

Blake and Paige trained for two and a half hours from 5.45am from Monday to Friday, and

from 3.20pm in the afternoons on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus a big row to Pipiroa on Saturdays which is around 20 km, they said.

One thing was certain, the rowing sensations had bright aspirations for their futures.

Blake said his goal was to win the U17s single boat, which meant he would need to get into an A final and achieve gold.



Paige Tevita-Williams and Blake.



Paige and Blake make the 2025 NZ Rowing U18 North Island team.

While Paige's goal was to go to the Olympics and represent the fern in 2028, she said.

For other students who wanted to get into rowing, Blake and Paige said "give it a go".

"It's not easy but when you get the hang of it, it's really fun.

"You meet heaps of cool people and make lifelong friendships. [It's a] great way to get fit and grow your confidence," they said.

"[The] rowing shed is our second home, [we're] lucky to have the river so close."

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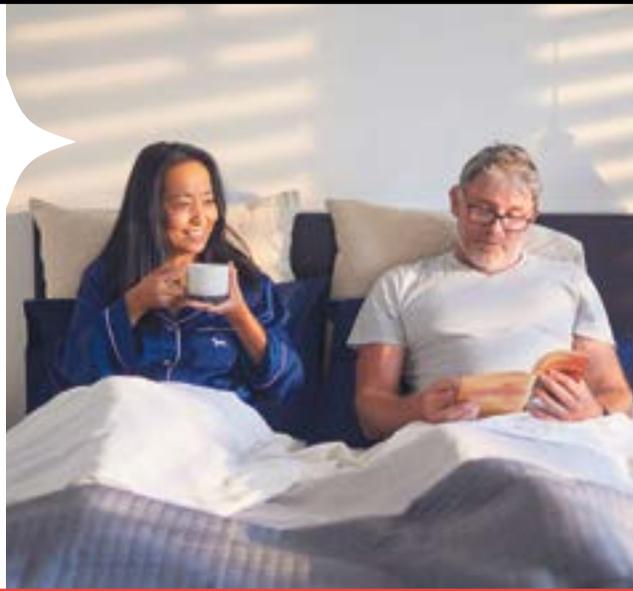


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# 'Thirsty tramp' leads to sly grog bust at Waihi Beach



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.

1911

A thirsty tramp was the undoing of a sly grog seller at the Waihi Beach camp. The man's camp was situated outside the no-license area, just over the boundary line, dividing the Ohinemuri district from the licensed district of Tau-ranga.

The 'tramp' - actually Constable Berry - appeared at the man's camp as a hobo in a bad way after being on the booze the night before. He asked for something sharp, and out of sympathy for the tramp, the man gave him a neat whisky.

Payment was refused, but, later on, when the tramp begged for something to take away with him on the road, two bottles were sold, the tramp paying with a pound note.

A police raid on the man's camp found 145 bottles of quart ale, a four gallon keg of whisky, one bottle of whisky, 261 empties, a three gallon empty, a jar, and a five gallon empty keg.

Some of the liquor was found buried outside the tent and an excavation had been made in the



The sly grog haul at Waihi Beach.

Photo: SUPPLIED

shape of a small cellar under one of the beds. The empties had been collected from all over the beach camp by the man's children, and the empty keg and jar had been drunk by labourers to celebrate the opening of the Waihi Beach Rd.

The raid caused a mild sensa-

tion amongst the campers and hundreds of visitors out for the day. The man, a miner with a large family to support, was charged with sly grog selling.

Over at Mr Pennell's Paeroa farm a practical demonstration was given by Mr Westbrooke, the government apiarist, of transfer-

ring bees from boxes to proper bar frame hives. Twenty eight people were present, and considerable interest was taken in the proceedings. The instructor gave a very lucid account of the treatment of the bee. He explained that the Act for preventing the use of box hives had been in force some four years, and this was the last chance that would be given for making the necessary change. Mr Westbrooke was well pleased with the large amount of interest shown, and was of opinion that a Beekeepers' Association should be formed in the district.

Meanwhile, the creation of public reserves along the Thames Coast was being considered at the Thames County Council. An area at Te Puru was about eight miles by road from Thames. The area was fenced and in grass and scattered about it were fine specimens of pōhutukawa and karaka.

A good landing could be made at the southern extremity which would be easily accessible by land or sea. This was the first flat land between the road and the sea after leaving Tararu and would make an ideal public domain, suitable both for picnics and sport.

At Waiomu there were five acres situated to the south of a stream. It was in grass, but was not fenced, although there was a wharf built on it. The beach at the northern end was rough, but towards the southern end it became sandy.

Both these pieces would make splendid public domains, but more so the area at Te Puru on account of the native trees which were now becoming rare, and which gave the whole place a park-like aspect.

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Par-minter

1. True or false: Kinder Surprise chocolates are banned in the USA?
2. The Suez canal passes through which country?
3. The internet marketing term SEO stands for what?
4. The band Fat Freddy's Drop is based in which New Zealand city? a) Auckland, b) Wellington, or c) Christchurch?
5. The Lewis and Clark Expedition, a search for a 'northwest passage', occurred through which modern day country?
6. The Scottish doctor credited with discovering penicillin, the author of the James Bond novels and the New Zealand national cricket team's longest-serving and most successful captain, all share which surname?
7. Which of these films does not have an actor named Tom in a leading role? a) *Cast Away* (2000), b) *Jurassic Park* (1993), or c) *Mission: Impossible III* (2006)?
8. The term 'decimate' was originally defined as destroying what proportion (of something)?
9. The classic Australian party food known as 'Frog in the Pond' features a chocolate frog sitting in what sort of dessert food?
10. Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was a member of which US political party? Democrats or Republicans?

ANSWERS: 1. True. A 1938 law prohibited the sale of confectionery items containing non-nutritive objects; 2. Egypt; 3. Search Engine Optimisation; 4. b) Wellington; 5. The United States; 6. Fleming (Alexander, Ian and Stephen respectively); 7. b) Jurassic Park; 8. 1/10th or 10 per cent; 9. 10. (usually coloured blue or green); 10. Republicans. His ideologies align closer to the current Democrat party, but the parties largely switched values midway through the 20th Century.

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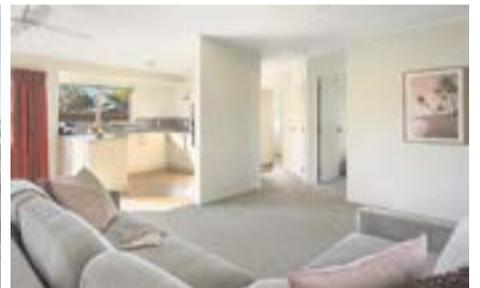
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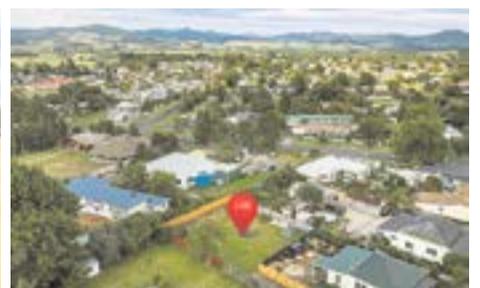
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# Waihi to Hawai'i: rugby ref makes island call

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It was seven years ago when Ryan Rogers joined the fold as a Thames Valley Rugby Union referee.

The 24-year-old told *The Profile* the most satisfying thing about being a rugby referee was being able to allow a game to flow freely on a Saturday.

Community involvement in the game and chats "in a positive manner" after the game were things he focussed on during club rugby, he said.

But matches in Thames Valley, let alone Aotearoa, weren't the only games Ryan got to officiate.

That's because the young referee from Waihi recently represented New Zealand at the Hawai'i International Rugby 10's Tournament at Kapiolani Park, Honolulu from April 17 to 19.

The competition was for secondary school boys and girls in the under 18, under 16, and under 14 categories from schools, clubs and invitational teams.

Ryan said there were teams who competed from throughout the Pacific which included Guam, Hawai'i and the outer islands and a few from New Zealand as well.

And he was in good company amongst the other referees.

The skilled match official was

invited, alongside 10 or so referees from New Zealand, by referee organiser Jamie Bell from King Country, he said.

"There's a bit of a group of us that will go around and do quite a few of the Sevens circuits from the end of the year."

The group of referees officiated at the Northern Regions Sevens competition, Condors Sevens and then finished off with the Global Youth Sevens, which was an international tournament usually held in Auckland, he said.

One of the ways the experience helped Ryan grow as a referee was it opened his eyes to the opportunities out there.

"If you put the work in, those opportunities pop up."

Ryan said there were a couple of referee coaches who went over as well, and they watched the games, offered "a little bit of critique" and feedback on what they could do to improve.

"You definitely learn a lot more when you have different sets of eyes watching and coaching you."

This wasn't Ryan's first international trip as a referee.

He also got to referee previously in London and Wales, he said, where he gained a bit of experience to "bring back here" to New Zealand, he said.

But the work didn't come with-

**"I was just lucky that I got into it young and was able to put everything into it."**

- Ryan Rogers



Thames Valley referee Ryan Rogers takes the whistle to Hawai'i, on a field below Diamond Head. Photo: SUPPLIED

Thames Valley Rugby Union referee manager Wayne Berry, who had trained around 154 referees in the past four years as a referee educator, said there were referee education nights coming up in Paeroa, Thames and Whangamatā during May, June and July for people who were interested in getting involved.

"The two things that we're looking for in recruitment: we're focused on adults volunteering to be referees, but now we're deliberately putting programmes in place to assist primary and secondary school students to take up a refereeing career as well."

It was clear Ryan was passionate about others getting involved in rugby refereeing too.

When he had conversations with others about the opportunities he'd come across, he said it meant a lot to see "a spark in somebody's eye".

It definitely means a lot to inspire somebody else to pick up a whistle, he said.

Ryan's advice for others who are thinking about becoming a rugby referee is simple.

"It's a lot more enjoyable when you are invested into it," he said.

"Definitely just give it a go, because you don't know how enjoyable it is until you get into the full environment of it."

**DETAILS: Rugby referee education nights, contact Wayne Berry on 027 280 1444, or email wayne.berry@farmside.co.nz. May 20, Thames; June 3, Paeroa; June 17, Whangamatā, July 1 in Paeroa.**

out a few challenges. "Club rugby is a lot harder than other sorts of rugby. The off-field stuff is certainly not ideal. The law keeps on changing," he said.

But they currently had "a good thing going" with the union, where all the teams were notified pretty promptly about all the new changes, the off-field changes and conversations that made it easier on-field, he said.

While Ryan was proud to repre-

sent the Thames Valley, his concern for the nationwide decline in rugby referees was evident.

Ryan said some of the reasons for the decline were the number of other sport options available, the rugby law changes and the need to keep up with them, or people on the sidelines that give referees a hard time.

"I was just lucky that I got into it young and was able to put everything into it."

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**Pink Floyd at Pompeii-MCMLXXXI (87 mins) PG.** Re-mastered 1972 film with enhanced audio. Set in the ancient Roman Amphitheater in Pompeii, Italy. Captures a concert without an audience. 3 screenings only.

**The People We Love (90 mins) M.** New Zealand movie. Maddie is having a terrible day. Her first collection of short stories is rejected by her publisher, and she discovers her best friend getting it on with her boyfriend.

**The Cats of Gokogu Shrine (119 mins) G.** A cat colony inhabits a Shinto shrine. Residents care for them; others dislike the mess. Filmmaker Kazuhiro Soda observes their coexistence. A stunningly beautiful film that has wowed international audiences. Looks to be funny & light-hearted too. In Japanese with subtitles.

**Tinā (125 mins) M.** Story of a Samoan teacher, who struggling after the death of her daughter in the Christchurch earthquakes, reluctantly takes on the role of substitute teacher at a wealthy private school.

**New movies next week:** Bob Trevino Likes It; Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning; and The Tavern with Director Q&A on Wednesday 28th at 7pm. The Tavern is about five small town guys racing against time to save their beloved tavern in rural Waikato from an evil Auckland property developer with sinister plans.

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Thames theatre company invests in its youth

As Thames Music And Drama prepares to stage its latest production, president Diane Connors expresses her eagerness to continue ensuring the theatre company's longevity.

With *School of Rock* opening this weekend, Diane said Thames MAD was bucking the trend of organisations struggling with ageing memberships by investing in its young people.

"[Thames MAD] provides opportunities for them to learn their craft through workshops, send them away to Next Gen Bootcamps and are committed to staging a musical with lead parts for youth every second year.

"Some of the investment has been rewarded with teens now grown up and taking lead roles in the theatre productions," she said.

For Thames MAD's 50th anniversary in 2013, the company staged an original jukebox musical called *Show Must Go On*, about a theatre group in financial difficulty.

There was a large cast of nearly 60 cast members, Diane said, including Ruth Germon, Emily Bissett, Sherrie Roue-Walker and Sam Connors.

Twelve years on and Sam is now directing *School of Rock*, staged at the Thames Civic Centre with opening night already sold out.

"Emily Bissett has choreographed the show and will also appear in it, while Ruth Germon is playing the lead, Dewey Finn," Diane said.

"Ruth is a music teacher, and with her husband has toured New Zealand, Australia, and Europe with their own band.

"Last but not least, Sherrie, while not involved in *School of Rock*, choreographed and appeared in *Chicago* for Thames Music And Drama last year.

"It is just so rewarding to see those young people continue with their passion for theatre and music and are now confidently teaching others," Diane said.

"I'm so proud of them all." **DETAILS: For ticketing info, visit [www.thamesmad.co](http://www.thamesmad.co).**



Thames Music Group's free Friday concert series presents University of Waikato Conservatorium of Music Vocal Students on May 23. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Students to perform at St George's free concert

Thames Music Group's May Free Friday Lunchtime Concert will feature vocal students from the University of Waikato Conservatorium of Music with pianist Frances Cowan.

The programme presented by Gina Sanders on Friday, May 23, is entitled *If Only... a programme of songs and arias exploring life's hopes, dreams, desires and plans*, which will include solos and ensembles by Schubert, Quilter, Wolf, Mahler, Mozart, Strauss, Bernstein and more.

For many years, Thames Music Group has provided this annual opportunity to experience performances by some of New Zealand's most remarkable emerging young professionals from the popular postgraduate and undergraduate degree programmes at the University of Waikato, including national and regional scholarship and award winning singers.

This year's concert features vocalists Emma Jones, Alexandra Buchanan, Emily Scott, Elizabeth Ellison, Lara Vautier,

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**DETAILS: TMG's Free Friday Concert series presents University of Waikato Conservatorium of Music Vocal Students, May 23, at 12.15pm, St George's Church, Thames. Free entry, koha/donation gratefully accepted. Contact: [thamesmusicgroup@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:thamesmusicgroup@yahoo.co.nz) for more information.**



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## Thames FC back on track with clinical win

### THAMES FOOTBALL CLUB

Thames FC ignited their 2025 campaign with a convincing 4-2 triumph over Hillcrest United at Rhodes Park on Saturday.

The hosts wasted no time asserting their dominance, and it wasn't long before a smooth passing move resulted in the opening goal; Keegan Apperley and Sanket Gurung combined to release Michael Kim down the left.

Kim weaved into the box, setting up Raegen Winslow, the 17-year-old calmly side-footed into the far corner for 1-0. Thames refused to take their foot off the gas, doubling their advantage minutes later.

Sam Cox's whipped free-kick caused chaos in the Hillcrest box before skipper Mickael Dernoncourt pounced to make it 2-0. The onslaught continued as Ben Taylor's precise pass found Kim in the box - the talisman curled a beautiful finish into the far corner, rounding off a romping half-hour blitz for the home team.

Before the interval, Hillcrest snatched a lifeline as Dernoncourt was penalized for a contentious handball, with Toby Robinson confidently dispatching the spot-kick, with the first half finishing 3-1.

The visitors emerged revitalized for the second half and enjoyed a productive spell. A low cross from the right reached Benjamin Groom, who confidently slotted home from a tight angle to cut Hillcrest's deficit to one. Thames settled back into a more defensive shape, holding on to their slender lead. A chance to increase the lead was squandered, an Apperley corner found the unmarked Dernoncourt, who headed just over from close range.



Captain Mickael Dernoncourt comes close with a header. Photos: MARK BROWN



Michael Kim makes it 3-0, left, and Caleb Tehoaki on the charge.



With tensions mounting, Thames delivered the knockout blow on the hour mark, as Kim held off defenders in the box with his snapshot slipping into the near corner, restoring the two-goal cushion.

As the game wound down, Hillcrest pushed players forward in a last-ditch effort to salvage a point. Lucas Burney rose highest from a corner, but his

header skimmed the bar moments before the referee ended proceedings with the final whistle.

Victory made the after-match beers taste sweeter as Thames claimed their first three points of 2025, moving up to eighth, two places and two points behind next week's opponents, Hamilton Wanderers.

- Jonathan Coles

# Deal with the mess that kills momentum

### OPINION

By MICHAEL WILKES



I've been working on my truck lately - full monty.

Head off, turbo out, manifold off, belts, radiator, the lot.

My garage has basically become a mechanical battlefield.

Tools everywhere, bolts scattered like confetti, parts stacked in every corner.

At first, I was humming. Making great progress. Feeling like an absolute weapon.

Until last night. I started putting things back together and, for a while, it was going sweet.

But bit by bit, I began to feel it - that creeping chaos.

Tools all over the place. Bolts missing. Couldn't find the right socket.

And suddenly my momentum hit a wall.

What killed it? The mess. I'd been too lazy to keep things tidy.

And instead of slowing down and resetting, I doubled down, rushing to finish it all in one go. That's when the mistakes crept in. I got less done in two hours than I should've in twenty minutes.

And it reminded me of that old saying: "Cleanliness is next

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And honestly, it feels good.

Because once you've done the deep clean, maintaining it is way easier. But you've gotta stop, reset, and start again.

What about you?

Where's the mess in your world that's slowing you down? Maybe it's your garage too.

Or maybe it's your emails, your finances, your routines. Wherever it is - it's time to reset. Clean up. And get your momentum back.

One bolt, one habit, one clear space at a time.

*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.*



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# Keep an eye on senior cats

By Dr Gemma Withers, BVSc



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Seventeen-year-old Bengal Rose was successfully treated for hyperthyroidism.

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lised, and she is getting ongoing management for her arthritis. It has been good to see Rose gaining weight over the last year and looking much more like her usual beautiful self.

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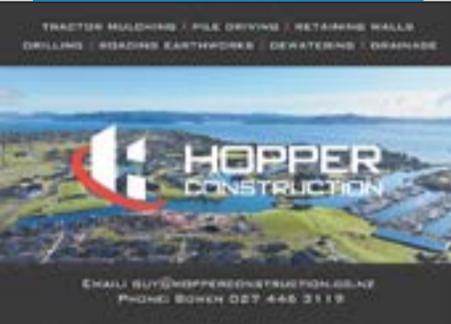
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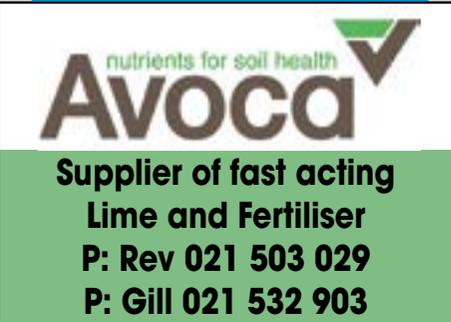
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Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during June 2025.

### Council Meetings and Ceremonies

#### Citizenship Ceremony

Thursday 5 June 2025 09:30am, Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, Mary Street, Thames

#### Council Meeting and Rating Review Deliberations

Thursday 12 June 2025 09:00am, Thames Council Chambers, 515 Mackay Street, Thames

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday 24 June 2025 09:00am, Thames Council Chambers, 515 Mackay Street, Thames

### Community Board Meetings

#### Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board

Monday 9 June 2025 10.00am, St Francis, 248 Main Road, Tairua

#### Whangamatā Community Board

Tuesday 10 June 2025 10.00am, Whangamatā Service Centre, 620 Port Road, Whangamatā

#### Thames Community Board

Wednesday 11 June 2025 10.00 am, Thames Council Chambers, 515 Mackay Street, Thames

#### Coromandel-Colville Community Board

Tuesday 17 June 2025 09.00am, Coromandel Town Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town

#### Mercury Bay Community Board

Wednesday 18 June 2025 09.00am, Mercury Bay Service Centre, 10 Monk Street, Mercury Bay

### Committee Meetings

#### Sustainability and Community Resilience Committee Meeting

Thursday 05 June 2025, 10.00am, Thames Council Chambers, 515 Mackay Street, Thames

Please visit <https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Council/Meetings/Agendas-Reports-and-Minutes> for copies of agendas and order papers.

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DOC Hauraki Senior Ranger Karen Ismay said the hut refurbishment project will run from May 12 until June 21. The work on the hut involves installing insulation, false ceilings and double-glazed windows.

"We know that a significant proportion of tourism is based in, on or around our unique natural environment and this part of a wider drive to make DOC's hut buildings more environmentally sustainable for future generations to enjoy," Karen said.

With the work underway, the hut becomes an active worksite – which means it is off-limits to the public and cannot be booked for the duration of the refurbishment project.

Alongside the hut project is an improvement project on the Summit Track, which is accessed from the Pinnacles Hut. The Summit Track project focusses on improving the track surface, with boardwalks set to be installed to prevent the spread of kauri disease.

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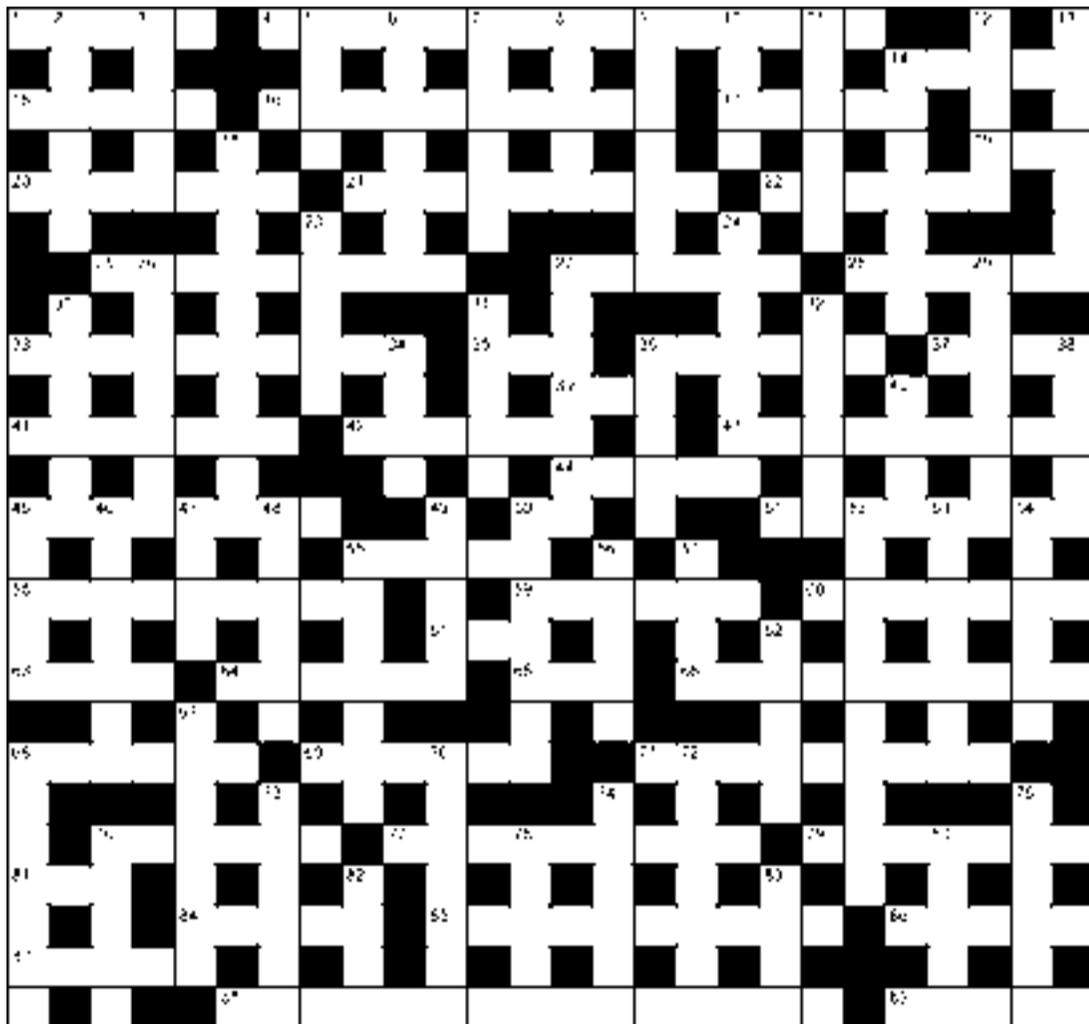
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# JUMBO CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Displayed (5)
  - 4 Vital issue (7,8)
  - 14 Compel (5)
  - 15 Supercilious (5)
  - 16 Fighters in Roman arenas (10)
  - 17 Faithful (5)
  - 19 Bite (3)
  - 20 Fishing boat (7)
  - 21 Freed (9)
  - 22 Decorous (6)
  - 25 Family tree (9)
  - 27 Figure out (6)
  - 28 Parent (6)
  - 33 Very small bottles of spirits (10)
  - 35 One of the Seven Dwarfs (3)
  - 36 Zoo worker (6)
  - 37 Bludgeon (4)
  - 39 Metal (3)
  - 41 Small bet (7)
  - 42 Two-piece suit (6)
  - 43 Sleeping sickness spreader (6,3)
  - 44 Make a speech (5)
  - 45 Nabbed (8)
  - 50 Happening (2)
  - 51 Dateline (anag)(8)
  - 55 Newspaper exclusive (5)
  - 58 Put on the airwaves (9)
  - 59 Spot (6)
  - 60 Arachnids (7)
  - 61 Paddle (3)
  - 63 Timid (4)
  - 64 Mark of disgrace (6)
  - 65 Moose (3)
  - 66 Mental disorder study (10)
  - 68 Sea journey (6)
  - 69 Official count (6)
  - 71 Racing craft (9)
  - 76 Pampers (6)
  - 77 Dynamo (9)
  - 79 Mollify (7)
  - 81 Reduce (3)
  - 84 Kit out (5)
  - 85 Corridor (10)
  - 86 Fear attack (5)
  - 87 Stripped (5)
  - 88 Pirate's curse (6,2,7)
  - 89 Intensive bombing (5)
  - DOWN**
  - 2 Peckish (6)
  - 3 Bereaved woman (5)
  - 5 Grotesque (4)
  - 6 Indicating assent (7)
  - 7 Approached (6)
  - 8 Proportional allocation (5)
  - 9 Most simple (7)
  - 10 Porcelain square (4)
  - 11 Vital gas (6)
  - 12 Pal (5)
  - 13 Give up all hope (7)
  - 14 Perplex (7)
  - 18 Indignation (10)
  - 23 Distress light (5)
  - 24 Supporter's badge (7)
  - 26 Long formal letter (7)
  - 27 Made-up story (7)
  - 29 Advantageous (7)
  - 30 Flour maker (6)
  - 31 Let in (5)
  - 32 Sea by Turkey (6)
  - 34 Omit (4)
  - 36 Mix by pressing (5)
  - 38 Howled (5)
  - 40 Continent (4)
  - 45 Book for photos (5)
  - 46 Breeding ground for gregarious birds (7)
  - 47 Team (4)
  - 48 Stance (anag)(6)
  - 49 Hot drink (5)
  - 50 Subjugate (7)
  - 52 Be star performer (3,3,4)
  - 53 American state (7)
  - 54 Mistakes (6)
  - 55 Reel (7)
  - 56 Fire sign (5)
  - 57 Total failure (4)
  - 62 Wheel covers (5)
  - 67 Snubbed (7)
  - 68 Inoculation fluid (7)
  - 70 Railway track beam (7)
  - 72 Adage (7)
  - 73 Detective (6)
  - 74 Seasoned preserved sausage (6)
  - 75 Authoritarian (6)
  - 76 Plant support (5)
  - 78 Come afterwards (5)
  - 80 Move very slowly (5)
  - 82 Black marketeer (4)
  - 83 Den (4)



**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

ACROSS: 1 Scrap, 4 Computer, 9 Accent, 14 Plank, 15 Sight for sore eyes, 17 Fatal, 18 Oil, 19 Outrage, 20 Deafening, 21 Scenic, 24 Matriarch, 25 Avenue, 26 Stable, 29 Mayonnaise, 31 Ire, 32 Subdue, 33 Stem, 35 Arc, 37 Taxi, 39 Foolishly, 40 Statement, 41 Earth, 42 Heighten, 47 Betrayed, 51 Aorta, 55 Safeguard, 56 Spaghetti, 58 Clog, 59 Pal, 60 Ears, 61 Plough, 62 Ask, 63 Child's play, 66 Ghouls, 67 Street, 69 Fussiness, 72 Basket, 73 Stiffened, 75 Arrange, 77 Mar, 80 Obese, 81 Acknowledgements, 82 Claim, 83 Claret, 84 Deducing, 85 Start.

DOWN: 2 Chihuahua, 3 Abhor, 5 Ours, 6 Pioneer, 7 Twelfth Night, 8 Rayon, 9 Absence, 10 Cuff, 11 Notice, 12 Havoc, 13 Skyline, 14 Planets, 16 Fighting fit, 22 Libido, 23 Rubbish, 24 Mooring, 25 Aye aye, 27 Battery, 28 Mutate, 30 Epic, 32 Score, 34 Muted, 36 Dear, 38 Ace, 42 Haste, 43 Inferno, 44 Huge, 45 Enable, 46 Graph, 48 Third degree, 49 Accepts, 50 Ego, 51 Adjusts, 52 Aslant, 53 Back of beyond, 54 Chic, 57 Trivia, 64 Alligator, 65 Blossom, 66 Grimace, 68 Entrant, 70 Shellac, 71 Reveal, 72 Broad, 74 Faked, 76 Agent, 78 Rear, 79 Eden.

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