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# In the fast lane

Paraswimmer's pride powers the lane ahead  
**KELLEY TANTAU** reports

Even the strongest of swimmers get tears in their goggles.

Just ask 16-year-old Rylee Sayer, whose list of achievements has become even longer after being selected to compete as an Aquablack at her first-ever World Para Swimming Championships.

The Hauraki Plains College student was born with a rare genetic condition called Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, and in October, 2023, she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer - an osteosarcoma - in her proximal humerus, which forms the ball of the shoulder's 'ball and socket'.

By November of that year, she had to have a forequarter amputation of her right arm, scapula and clavicle.

But with all her grit and determination, Rylee has taken the trauma of the past year and has turned it into a positive.

Swimming out of the Matamata Swim Club under coach Graeme Laing, she has worked hard to find her way in the pool again. "All the training and hard work has paid off," she told *The Profile*.

"It's been so worth it. I'm really proud of myself for never giving up."

"I have to be honest, I have had a lot of tears in my goggles, but my motivation always kicks in to wipe them away."

Rylee said she was "overwhelmed" to find out she'd been selected to compete as an Aquablack at the swimming championships - held from September 21-27 in Singapore.

She said she cried with joy alongside her mum, Amanda, and a close friend who gave her "a big hug".

"I am beyond grateful to have the opportunity to represent New Zealand," she said.

"I honestly never thought about it until I lost my arm."

"It was then that my determination stepped up another level and my confidence grew in believing in myself and that I could achieve it."

Rylee said during the World Champs, she would be swimming against other paraswimmers

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Rylee Sayer says 'little me would be so proud' of how far she has come in the swimming world.  
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# Paraswimmer powers the lane ahead

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in the same class as her - S7.

"S7 class is for athletes with varying levels of physical impairment," she said, "including those with short stature, major limb loss or co-ordination difficulties, particularly on one side of the body."

Being her first Worlds, she said it was hard to know what to expect, but she was hoping to get into a finals race and achieve some personal best times.

"Mentally, I always listen to hype music to get me ready to race. I don't talk to anyone but myself before the blocks. Physically, I do lots of stretching and always do a good warm up in the pool," she said.

Rylee mostly trains for 90 minutes, six or seven times a week, both in the morning and afternoon.

She said her motivation stems from how far she has come from the start of her cancer journey.

"Little me would be so proud of how far I have come now," she said.



Rylee Sayer will compete as an Aquablack.

Photo: BW MEDIA/SWIMMING NZ

"Thank you to everyone that has been helping me on this journey, especially my family."

DETAILS: Rylee is raising funds to get her over to Singapore for the

# Fire destroys Thames Coast home

A Waionu home was destroyed by fire last week.

A Thames Volunteer Fire Brigade spokesperson said firefighters were called to a fire in Waionu on the Thames Coast at 17:48 on June 4, which they responded to with the Tapu Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The Thames brigade said it received information enroute that the house was well alight, so fire brigades at Puriri, Paeroa and Turua were also called. "Due to the fact that there was no reticulated water where we were heading, we needed lots of water, so we had three tankers to support the firefighting (Puriri, Tapu and Paeroa).

"Thanks to everyone who helped us extinguish the fire, everyone who kept their distance at the scene to allow us to do our job, and to the locals who provided extra information to the team as we made our way there."

No injuries were reported.

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TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES

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

PLACE	Hr	High	Mn	Low	Mn
Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04	
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	05	
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21	
Whangamata	-0	03	-0	05	
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12	



# Board chair says new home needed for MSD

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

Thames' Community Board Chair is urging the Ministry of Social Development to seize the opportunity to move into a building better suited for meeting the community's needs.

While the ministry acknowledged that its current offices in Wintec, off Queen St, were "not ideal," it stressed that alternative options were being explored.

Board chair Adrian Catran told *The Profile* that since the Ministry of Social Development [MSD] moved from its Pollen St address in November, 2023, due to building damage, there had been "no action or clear communication" on when the service will return to fully meeting local needs.

"Our community was deeply affected by the loss of the excellent MSD services and facilities on Pollen St, where the interaction with the community and clients was outstanding," he said.

"The wider Thames region needs the MSD service more than any other community in New Zealand, making it imperative that MSD secure a permanent building.

"From there, we can restore the exceptional service we once had."

Mr Catran said the current



Thames' Ministry of Social Development is currently operating out of the Wintec building off Queen St. File Photo

Wintec building was "just not fit for purpose" and offered very little privacy for people needing advice.

He also understood it was difficult to have a decent security system in place, plus other "minor challenges around dampness".

"Our elderly population deserves to be well cared for," he said.

"The Thames-Coromandel district has the highest population of over 65s in the country. We also need to ensure we can support others to support themselves.

"All we need now is for MSD to do the right thing and make it happen."

Mr Catran said the former Idea Services building in Willoughby St was "as good as one

will get other than a purpose-built building", and called for the ministry to make the move.

"MSD are more deserving in the way of a decent building," he said, "and security plus privacy for both staff and clients."

The Ministry of Social Development's regional commissioner for Waikato Tracey Smith said that the current office at 414 Queen St was "not ideal" -

**"Our elderly population deserves to be well cared for."**

- Adrian Catran

but it was temporary.

"We issued a tender through the Government Electronic Tendering Service website on November 29, 2024.

"The tender closed on February 10, 2025, but it didn't result in a suitable replacement building for our Thames Service Centre," she said.

"We are now exploring other options for suitable permanent premises."

She said staff continued to see people for face-to-face appointments and help people over the phone. People could also drop off documents to the Queen St site.

"If anyone who needs to meet with us is concerned about privacy or accessibility, we encourage them to let us know so we can make suitable arrangements.

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# Paeroa shines onscreen for TV commercial

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

Paeroa’s Queen St and Princes St were transformed into a film set over the weekend, as car company Toyota turned the quiet side streets into a busy intersection for an advertising campaign.

The film shoot took place on June 6-9, with the facades of the businesses in the street transformed into an architect’s office and bakery.

Extra filming also took place in other areas, including the Ohinemuri Club on Normanby Rd, and outside the Paeroa Sports Club on Towers St.

The weather was changeable during the shoot, but Paeroa’s volunteer fire brigade was on standby to keep the road wetted down for a consistent look.

The film shoot brought several people into Paeroa for the four days they were on site, staying at local hotels and eating at local businesses.

Around 30 extras were also hired from Paeroa and the surrounding towns.

Toyota said the aim of the campaign was to celebrate mobility in New Zealand.

“We’re excited to be in Paeroa and appreciate the support of the community,” a Toyota spokesperson said.

“Paeroa was chosen for its location and how it fits with



Actors in a Toyota car wait for their next scene. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



The film crew prepare for a scene in front of a green screen.

what the filming is aiming to achieve. Given Paeroa is a smaller town, the disruption of closing roads also has less impact than on larger towns and cities.

“Toyota hope that the Paeroa community are proud to be hosting the crew over a few days as they film.”

The spokesperson said the shoot involved “a respected production team, local authorities, and high-profile New Zealanders who reflect our values”.

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# VE Day commemorated

Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day on May 31 with an open day, war reenactors from the WWII Historical Re-enactment Society Inc, and more. VE Day, also known as Victory in Europe Day, marked the date of the German Third Reich's surrender in World War II.



Visitors admire an army motorcycle.



A T9 army vehicle among the display.



The lowering of the flag.



The museum was transported back in time for the event.

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War reenactors sit in a tent filled with army memorabilia.



Brendan O'Carroll gives a talk inside the museum about the WWII Special Forces Long Range Desert Group.

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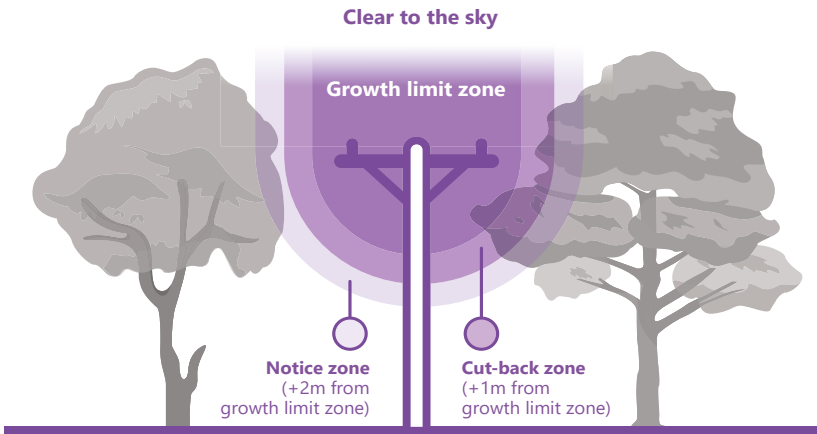
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# Aspiring to leadership and community change

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

Former Waihi College student Sarah Keall is heading to the 19th Annual Aspiring Leaders Forum in Wellington, thanks to sponsorship from Hauraki District Council.

Twenty-one-year-old Sarah, who has just completed a degree in Political Science and Communications at Victoria University, was awarded a \$1691.50 grant from the council in aid of attending the forum.

She told *The Profile* she was excited about the opportunity.

“I grew up in Waihi - I went to Waihi College and I’ve always been part of the Waihi community. Part of the reason that I went into studying politics was because I saw that there were these issues or changes that could be made within the community,” she said.

“I wanted to develop skills to facilitate those changes, so I’m definitely interested in being able to apply some of the skills from attending this forum and taking them back to the community and making a positive difference.”

The forum, which takes place on August 21-24, will see around 100 young New Zealanders between the ages of 18 and 26 receive mentoring and participate in workshops



Sarah Keall will be expanding on her leadership skills at the Aspiring Leaders Forum in Wellington. Photo: SUPPLIED

said. “It’s just a chance for like-minded young people who have been giving back to the community and want to have an opportunity to connect and expand on that, to get together and learn about what each other is doing.”

Sarah was nominated for the forum by Waihi councillor Anne-Marie Spicer, who said at a council meeting that she felt Sarah had a great potential bright future ahead of her.

“I’m very thankful to Hauraki District Council for being so generous and offering to sponsor me and help me get there because I wouldn’t get there without them,” Sarah said.

“In the future I’d like to settle [in Waihi] again but for now it’s just trying to get some good experience under my belt and learn all the really important skills to make those positive and sustainable changes to help the community.”

Sarah was also a recipient of the council’s ONYA award in 2021 for her services to the Waihi community, including as a volunteer at Keep Waihi Beautiful cleanups, community sport events and school events; as a Waihi Leos member; and for her in-school leadership roles.



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# Brewery landmark demolished for bowling club



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.

1921

The last of an old Thames landmark – the chimney of Campbell and Ehrenfried’s brewery – was demolished to make way for the Thames Bowling Club.

Many years previously the brewery had been destroyed by fire but the chimney remained standing. The bowling club had lately acquired the site which adjoined the green and great improvements were anticipated. The club was considered a really live organisation with a membership of about 130 and just one subscription unpaid, thanks to the vigilant treasurer.

Meanwhile, a Thames Valley lightning storm caused a good deal of dismay. At Paeroa, a house in Buchanan St was struck by lightning, knocking an iron chimney over and tearing weather boards off. The occupants were not injured, but received a great fright, and took shelter with their neighbours. At several houses windows were broken, and at one house two iron chimneys fell, lamps were broken, and the house shook alarmingly. Paeroa’s elec-



**The old Thames Brewery chimney being demolished.**

Photo: SUPPLIED

tric lights were extinguished early in the evening, and the town was practically in darkness. Mrs Walls, passing along the road at Komata, had a tree just behind her splinter causing her great distress. The storm raged at Thames where torrential rain spoilt a quickstep competition. Electric wires fused, the borough installation was blown out and a telephone wire cut. Two cows were killed by lightening at Kihikihi and a settler in the Kauaeranga Valley, while turning on a tap in his cowshed, received an electric shock that temporarily paralysed his arm. The storm started at 2.30pm and lasted, with intervals, until 11.15pm.

Over at Netherton, which until recently had been a lonely Cinderella among the district settlements, change was slowly coming. Prior to the formation of the

Hauraki Plains County, the main Netherton road had been partly under the control of the Thames County Council and partly under Ohinemuri. Each council regarded the place as a fag-end, and so spent very little money on the roads, which were in a shocking condition. The telephone service was also a long way behind the ‘talking by wire’ facilities available in other settlements. There was a phone bureau, but no party-lines or general reticulation to the farmhouses. Consequently, it was a case of wearily awaiting your turn at Netherton, even if life or death depended on your getting a message through quickly.

Settlers were encouraged to take things into their own hands and force the Department to provide adequate telephone facilities. Likewise, while allowing the new county council sufficient time to ‘get into its stride,’ they must impress councillors the necessity of getting a move on.

Meanwhile at Waihi the decline of the mining industry had seen hundreds of houses removed from there and Waikino and Karangahake. Waihi was recovering some of its composure, and despite it never being the Waihi of old again, agricultural and pastoral industries were being developed there. The mining days had left legacies to Waihi which other towns might envy, such as fine avenues of trees and the domain.

Now there was a shortage of houses at Waihi, and some people were kicking themselves because they had not been optimistic enough to purchase and retain a number of the fine buildings that had been taken elsewhere.

## Chris’ Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Par-minter

1. The Great Wall of China was built using cement made from what food item? a) Eggs, b) rice, or c) soy?
2. One foot as a measurement is equal to how many cm? a) 30.48, b) 38.4, or c) 48.3?
3. The musical artist known as Prince was born with what first name? a) Bruce, b) Geoffrey, or c) Prince?
4. In which year was the first general English dictionary printed containing the four letter ‘F’ swear word? a) 1566, b) 1766, or c) 1966?
5. True or false: the location of the brain belonging to JFK (John F Kennedy, 35th president of the United States) is unknown?
6. The two fighting-type Pokémon Hitmonchan and Hitmonlee are named after which two actors/martial arts practitioners?
7. The Easiyo yoghurt maker was invented in 1992 in which country? a) Australia, b) New Caledonia, or c) New Zealand?
8. In written music, which of these is the fastest tempo? a) Largo, b) moderato or c) presto?
9. True or false: in computing, a kilobyte consists of exactly 1000 bytes?
10. Walt Disney originally wanted to call Mickey Mouse what name? a) Macky Mouse, b) Mitchell Mouse, or c) Mortimer Mouse?



**ANSWERS:** 1. b) rice; 2. a) 30.48; 3. c) Prince (he was born as Prince Rogers Nelson); 4. c) True; 5. True; 6. b) New Zealand; 7. c) New Zealand; 8. c) Presto; 9. False; 10. c) Mortimer Mouse. JK’s brain, which had been removed during his autopsy, had gone missing; 6. Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan; 7. c) New Zealand; 8. c) Presto; 9. False; 10. c) Mortimer Mouse. JK’s brain, which had been removed during his autopsy, had gone missing; 6. Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan; 7. c) New Zealand; 8. c) Presto; 9. False; 10. c) Mortimer Mouse.

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# It's some-bunny's hoppy happy birthday

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

Rodger Rabbit is a distinguished elderly gentleman, but he still has a bit of spring in his step.

The mini lop/chinchilla cross will be celebrating his 13th birthday on June 12: a remarkable feat for a rabbit, owner Christine Boldero said.

"Everyone I've spoken to [says] they're five to ten years max.

And the smaller the rabbit, the longer the lifespan.

Rodger's quite big, he's two and a half kilos. So for him to live that long... I think he's pretty rare to make that age," she said.

Christine, a vet nurse based in Waihi, said Rodger joined her family when he was only a few months old.

"He was one of our very first rescues - he was found in a dog park," she said.

"We tried to find the owners and we couldn't, so we ended up taking him home."

Rodger very quickly became one of the clan, hanging out with both the family and their many animals - they have cats and chinchillas, along with rescue kittens and pigeons.

"He's been my daughter's best buddy since she was tiny... she's 14 now, turning 15, so he's been a big part of her life,"



Rodger Rabbit snuggles up to another rescue animal. TOP RIGHT: Christine's daughter, Kimberly, at ages three and 14 with Rodger.



Photos: SUPPLIED

Christine said.

"[He's] also been company for many of our rescue animals. His best mate is a white pigeon that we rescued and raised. They still hang out together now."

Rodger also has a bit of a personality, Christine said.

"He's a bit of a Houdini. I think that's why they found

him on the dog field, because he manages to get out of cages."

Christine reckoned Rodger's longevity could mostly be attributed to the care she takes with him.

"I'm particular with the husbandry, everything's spotless all the time," she said.

"Rabbits are quite high maintenance, people don't realize

that they do take a lot of looking after.

"He's had the best treatment. I'm a vet nurse, so whenever he's sick, I get on to it straight away."

These days though, Rodger is definitely feeling his age.

"He's completely blind now in one eye and he's on medication to stop him falling over,"

Christine said.

"Sadly he is deteriorating and won't see another birthday, so this birthday is a very special one.

"He will get very spoilt, and when he passes he will leave a huge hole in our hearts."





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# Testing our defences: closing the floodgate

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

There were grey skies and a bit of drizzle in Paeroa on June 4, but nothing to suggest any risk of flooding. Passersby might have been confused then, to see a 2.7 metre high floodgate closing in south of the Criterion Bridge.

The Criterion Floodgate, part of Paeroa’s flood protection system, was the subject of a training exercise by Waikato Regional Council workers to ensure as many staff as possible would be able to operate the gates in the case of an emergency.

Council’s scheme unit lead, Hayden McGregor, said it was important for redundancy.

“This is our number one critical element or asset that we need to look after, so having a range of people skilled in that responding space is good,” he said.

“For my team here, it’s their first priority, and if they are shut then people have to stay here and monitor it. [But] it’s a chance to get a batch of new young staff as well trained up, and able to respond if we do get people out of the local area for whatever reason.”

The Profile was invited along to get a first-hand look at the gate’s operation. For this exercise, only one half of the gate was shut to allow traffic to still traverse the bridge. However, the two sides operate in exactly the same way, and Hayden said it would take less than 20 minutes to completely close and seal the gate in a flood situation.

“[Cyclone Gabrielle] was the



The gate is moved back into place. RIGHT: A worker connects the hydraulic system. BELOW LEFT: Hayden McGregor, left, inspects the gate’s hydraulics. BELOW RIGHT: The gate is braced against floodwaters. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



first time that we had used it... before that we used to have the big aluminium gates and they’re kind of like a big Lego kit. It used to take about 45 minutes to stack those things up and across everything else,” he said.

“It used to take 10-12 guys to close it, now we can probably do it with five.”

The actual operation of the gate was fairly simple: panels were removed to allow staff to connect the gate’s hydraulics; a winch was attached on both sides; and the gate was slightly raised before being slid forward.

Once it was fully extended it was bolted to the ground, and metal arms extended to brace the gate

against the force of gushing floodwaters. The gate was also lowered again, forming a watertight seal at ground level.

When fully closed, the gate fills the gap in Paeroa’s defensive stopbank system where the road runs through. On the town side of the bridge, the stopbank gap would still need to be filled the old-

## QUICK FACTS

The Criterion Bridge Floodgate was installed in 2018. The two gates cost \$1.02 million to construct and install.

Each gate is 10.8m tall, 2.7m high, and weighs 7 tonnes.

The gates were first used in February, 2023, during Cyclone Gabrielle. The river rose to 400mm below the top of the floodgates.

fashioned way, with heavy timber stoplogs. “They only go up in a one-in-100-year event - they obviously did go up during Gabrielle, but that’s my first time putting them up in the 10 years that I’ve been here,” Hayden said.



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Rural Life

# Stay ahead this season: Proactive animal health

By DR ILYSE JENNENS

As we head into the new season, it's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day demands of calving and farm management.

However, maintaining a proactive approach will help prevent larger issues from occurring and remain on track for strong production and reproductive success.

The transition of cows from dry to milking has a significant impact on their ability to reach peak milk production and return to calving.

The use of diet calculators, feed budgets, and spring rotation planners, alongside feed and blood tests, allows for the adjustment of nutrient intake in response to changing pasture conditions relevant to this season.

For mastitis prevention and udder health, as most mastitis infections are introduced around the time a cow calves, ensure prevention strategies are part of the routine for freshly calved cows.

This includes: keeping springers and colostrum cows on the cleanest pasture available; milk cows as soon as possible after calving; strip quarters daily to identify and treat mastitis early; keep tails



For calf health and disease prevention, early care for calves lays the foundation for their lifelong health and productivity. File Photo: PIXABAY

trimmed and washing and drying heavily contaminated udders; cover all teats with correctly mixed teat spray at high-risk rates.

When it comes to cow health and production, if you have wearable technology in place, monitor health alerts and examine flagged cows to allow early treatment as required.

At a herd level, monitoring production and milk protein percentages, cow condition, and rumen fill alongside, for those with wearable data, regular checks of rumination rates and variability, early cycling assessments and health alert trends.

Early metrichecking, ideally in batches every two weeks, allows for prompt treatment of uterus infection and recovery before mating begins.

For calf health and disease prevention, early care for calves lays the foundation for their lifelong health and productivity.

Ensuring they receive high-quality, tested, warm colostrum within the first four to six hours after birth is crucial for building immunity.

Good nutrition continues with milk requirements calculated based on requirements for maintenance and desired growth rates, alongside access to fresh water and high-quality meal from day one.

Additional proactive steps include: calving into the cleanest and most sheltered paddocks available; collection of calves as soon as possible after birth; spraying navels with iodine before transport; close attention to shed hygiene as the season progresses.

With good plans in place and attention to detail, you're setting yourself up for a smooth calving.

However, if challenges arise, don't hesitate to reach out to your veterinarian - we're here to support you.

The sooner issues are identified, and changes to preventative measures are implemented, the smaller the overall impact will be.

All the best for the season ahead!

- Dr Ilyse Jennens is farm vet and branch manager at Franklin Vets, Waitakaruru



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Rural Life

# Conviction prompts effluent system reminder

A recent conviction for unlawful dairy effluent discharges has prompted a reminder from Waikato Regional Council for farmers to ensure they have good effluent management systems.

A Waikato share milker has been convicted, fined \$40,000 and sentenced to 140 hours community work for unlawful discharges of dairy effluent into a tributary of the Puniu River, near Te Awamutu.

Daniel Warren Lund appeared last week before Judge Melinda Dickey in the Hamilton District Court facing five charges under the Resource Management Act as a result of a prosecution taken by Waikato Regional Council.

Mr Lund manages a family farm at Pokuru near Te Awamutu. In July and August, 2022, council compliance officers conducted three inspections of the farm effluent system.

During two inspections they found effluent storage ponds overflowing into a tributary of the Puniu River.

On another occasion they found effluent ponding and runoff from an irrigator.

An abatement notice that had been served on Mr Lund was also being breached.

In summing up her decision, Judge Dickey stated: "I find the defendant to be highly careless".

"There appears to have been insufficient attention paid to the infrastruc-



A council officer takes samples from a effluent storage pond. Photo: SUPPLIED/WRC

ture and management of effluent disposal."

She further stated that the operation of the system left much to be desired.

Waikato Regional Compliance Manager Patrick Lynch said the farm effluent ponds were inadequate and posed a real risk to the environment.

"Mr Lund displayed a lack of understanding of managing effluent effectively and safely on the property," Mr Lynch said.

"Moving into the wetter and busier time of the year for farmers, this prosecution is a timely reminder to all farmers that there needs to be adequate effluent infrastructure and good effluent management systems on every farm."

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TV CLUB RUGBY

PROPS AND FAIRY TALES

Club Wrap Round 9 : June 7, 2025

By Tighthead Ted and Whispering Will on the keyboards

What a dream weekend for ole Tighthead Ted - three props celebrating milestones for their respective teams - Whangamata's Brad Laurenson bringing up TWO HUNDRED matches for Whangamata, and Waihi Athletics' Jay Wood and Matty Pettard bringing up their half centuries for Waihi. These blokes are genuine props too, pre-season training entails, "Hey love, where are my boots, I've got a game today". Grassroots legends, well done men, THT salutes you.

Love fest over - the rugby, upsets, sub-lime rugby, Dr Dunn battles, the round had it all. First up, the upset in Whangamata, where the home team and the visiting Thames had a match for the ages. A to-and-fro battle between two teams that threw everything at each other. Thames were staunch in defence and Whangamata were persistent right until the end in an encounter both teams can be proud of.

Whangamata got away to a flier, scoring through Lewis Doherty after nice hands from midfielders Connor Emerson and Joe Perawiti. Thames responded by putting their big boys to work. Their direct running was tough for Whangamata to handle and they reaped two tries as a result.

The halftime score was 20-7 and Whangamata, who had been missing their first up tackles, must have known they had enough in them to turn it around in the second half. There were tireless efforts from forwards such as Hamish Boulton who, not being one of the biggest 6s going around, ran hard and courageously all day into the big Thames forward pack, alongside Tupou Tonga and Coen Oliver who weathered tackle after tackle as they trundled the ball up into some ferocious defence.

With Thames scoring shortly after the half time break, Laulea Ma'u being unstoppable from 25 metres, and the

score blowing out to 25-7 to the visitors it looked like game over.

A penalty try was awarded to Whangamata when an eager Tangi Utumoen-galu intercepted a cut out pass that was destined to reach his unmarked opposite.

The only problem was he was a mile offside and he was duly yellow carded. That put wind in the Whangamata sails. Their lineout drive from a few metres out picked up a head of steam and when it collapsed over the try line, and all the big men got up and the crowd saw the ball in the hands of two-hundred game Brad Laurenson, there was an almighty cheer, and the Red 'n' Whites were back in the match.

Shortly after another lineout drive saw hooker Jack O'Halloran, who had one of his best games in the red n white jersey, score to give Whangamata their first lead of the match with only five to go - the fairy tale ending for veteran Brad Laurenson looked on the books.

The play for Whangamata was simple: secure the kick off and with the thunderous boot of Logan Allen and with the wind behind them, thump the ball downfield as far as possible and set up camp for the rest of the game. But they failed at the first stage, when Thames' kick off found grass and possession was handed over to them. A midfield move ended in a falcon that found the hands of an unmarked Sili Tongotongo who dotted down to regain Thames' one point advantage.

Thames must have thought they had the game. With the despondent on-lookers resigned to Whangamata suffering another narrow loss, there was yet another twist in this seesawing affair. Whangamata pounded away at Thames who threw everything at them in defence. But, with the clock ticking towards eighty, the shaky Whangamata scrum dug deep and secured a penalty, and after a quick tap, the ball eventually found Jack O'Halloran with nothing but the tryline in front of him, and the resulting conversion was a formality that secured Whangamata the win.

The win keeps Whangamata's faint

playoff hopes alive, while Thames will have their work cut out if they want to be playing semi-final rugby in a few weeks' time - they'll certainly have to cut their penalty rate - referee Ryan Rogers went through three whistles through the 80 minutes.

A quick drive over the hill to Waihi saw a cracker of a match between Waihi Athletic and the visiting Mercury Bay side. Waihi with something to prove after having their winning streak broken while visiting the mighty Marlins a few weeks ago. They did it in style too, racking up 52 points, but also conceding 35 in a ding dong battle.

In a match played in perfect conditions, both sides played hard, fast rugby that had the supporters on the edges of their seats for the full 80. Waihi were all over the visitors in the first half, but every time Waihi looked to have the match put away, the young visiting side would come back and keep themselves in touching distance.

Mercury Bay pulled back to within ten early in the second half, and it was game on, but the experience of the Waihi team, with Collard at ten directing affairs along with his faithful half-back Finlay Davenport, the home team was always doing enough to win. The visitors though, with workhorses Connor McVerry and to be sure, to be sure, Adam Coyle to the fore made Waihi work bloody hard for their after match giggle-juices.

In such a free flowing match it's hard to pick standout players, when the skill levels are maxed out, and it's punch and counter punch, as every player looks good. But there are always some that seem to be always close to the ball, and for Waihi it was once again Kenan Gilson, always about three inches from the ball, and the hard running Lesen Huairangi, who dotted down for three tries in a cracking performance. Dylan Bower was all class for the shandy drinkers, showcasing all the skills that a midfielder should possess, as well as being a hard bugger to bring down when the occasion called for it. Colville Green and Tom Larke led the way out

the back for the visitors, Larke kicking 100% as the Marlins fought their way back into the game.

At this stage of the season it is going to take a team playing out of their sin for 80 minutes to stop Waihi taking their second McClinchy in a row.

Through the Karangahake Gorge we go for the next match, where Paeroa hosted Hauraki North for the Andy Silvester Memorial Cup. With the sun shining everyone would have been expecting showboat festival rugby. But not to be, the ground was still pretty wet from the rain through the week, and the first spell saw more drops and handling errors than Bucky McCallum pulled hamstring.

Thankfully things came good in the second spell and a bit of rugby was enjoyed by all. Perhaps not so much by North though as for the visitors it was a game where every bounce of the ball went the wrong way, every 50-50 call went the way of the home team, and if something could go wrong, it did. They did not give in though and as they have all season they made Paeroa work hard for the points. The scrum and line-out battle was fairly even, both teams having their moments, but neither really gaining ascendancy. The backlines were deadheating too, although with Hendrix Beazley moving into first five Paeroa looked more dangerous through the last 40.

For the Green machine they were well led up front by under-rated prop, and captain Johnson McKain who had a whale of a game capped off with a much deserved five pointer. He was ably supported, as always by the energiser bunny Osha Te Oka-Cox at open-side, and his loose forward partner Misi Tupai Palea. Out the back none were better than Bitner! Bitner Johansson at fullback was lethal, his second try where he tip-toed down the sideline for 50 metres to score, raising interest from the flying Wallendas (look em up kids, interesting story).

The visitors were ably served by veteran Matty Fisher, who always saves his best for the Paeroa matches, along

with Jason Hayward, who has had more clubs than Tiger Woods, playing at number eight and had a boomer. Logan Mitchell moved out to centre was his usual polished self, keeping North in the mix for much of the match.

The final scoreline of 34-17, six tries to three an accurate reflection of the match.

The next match on the block was the world famous, in Te Aroha, Dr Dunn clash. It never matters where COBRAS and Waihou lie on the points table, when they hit the field for the Dr Dunn, all bets are off. And so it proved, Waihou looked to always have the match in control through the first 30 minutes, but couldn't convert to points, the Snakes just kept hanging in there, and probably enjoyed the better of the middle portion of the match before they ran out of steam in the final 20 for Waihou to take the match, and the Dr Dunn 26-16.

The COBRAS who have struggled all season to get results should be pretty happy with their days efforts, their defensive lineout causing havoc for Waihou, and their scrum having an edge also. Cam Dromgool and Etonia Naba led the ferocious forward assault, and Naba slotted out to the wing later in the match and proved hard to contain there too. Sergio Schuler was business as usual at fullback, safe as houses. While not winning this week, if they keep on this trajectory, a win against Paeroa next week is not off the cards at all - COBRAS are an upset waiting to happen, if they get a game when everything clicks, they could beat anyone.

Waihou did enough across the board with what they had to take the win, but will have plenty to work on as they prepare to host Mercury Bay next week. For the Dr Dunn winners, handy games from the ever improving Thomas Came, who is getting better each week as he learns the dark arts of tighthead propping. Dev Sheehan, still with his first five trainer wheels on, is also looking more comfortable each week, and Bronson Wilson-Beech, who has shifted out to the wing, was hard to control.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Wheels on reels at bike night

Navigation winter show set to open

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

A “key fundraiser” for the Thames Mountain Bike Club is pedalling its way back to the community with a series of on-theme short films.

The annual *Big Bike Film Night* will be held on June 11, showcasing a range of short films - each with a bicycle theme.

This year’s list includes: an exhilarating film that redefines what’s possible on a gravel bike on technically challenging terrains; a heartwarming documentary that explores the importance of getting outside, no matter where one is on life’s journey; and a classic Kiwi story of a young trailblazer participating in a gruelling six-day mountain bike rally.

“This is the sixth year of making it round to Thames and represents a key fundraiser for our club,” vice president Ric Balfour told *The Profile*. “Brett Cotter, the curator, is a generous supporter of our club and donates a portion of the ticket revenue.”

The club is a volunteer organisation that works to improve mountain biking in the Thames and Kauaeranga areas as well as the wider Coromandel.

Ric said there was “good support” for the fundraiser’s raffle from some of Thames’ local businesses, with money raised being used to assist in the club’s volunteer-based maintenance of tracks and its new trapping programme.

“Our volunteerism in the community is focused on several



**A Thursday night ride for the Thames Mountain Bike Club.** SUPPLIED

areas, including: building and maintaining tracks at Moanataiari MTB Park and Hotoritori MTB Park; maintaining the Karaka Track; pest control on the Karaka-Waiotahi loop trapline that runs along the tracks, with 71 traps now and our latest tally of 403 total catches; and our support of youth cycling through running events, skills sessions, coaching, and setting up structures for schools to practice riding.

“We also run a MTB skills day each summer with DOC at the visitor centre up the Kauaeranga.”

In 2024, more than 1020 volunteer hours were recorded during work on these types of activities, Ric said, and this year, the club has already tallied 342 hours.

“We have gained almost

\$200,000 in grant funding in the last couple of years to support these activities, including acquiring our own digger, motorised wheelbarrow, and mower. This has saved hundreds of hours of manual labour on our track maintenance programme,” he said.

At the Thames event, Ric said donations of goods and services for prizes would “gratefully be accepted and raffled on the night”.

“Cash donations will support our trapping programme, and membership is always welcome for anyone who enjoys using the tracks we maintain.”

**DETAILS: More info or tickets at: [big-bikefilmnight.nz/buy-tickets](http://big-bikefilmnight.nz/buy-tickets).**



The Vessel Art Co-op is debuting its new winter show, *Navigation*.

The group exhibition is set to run for a month, and will showcase a number of works from the group’s members.

“This evocative show brings together the unique perspectives of our members as they explore the idea of a life’s journey — through storms, still waters, and everything in between.

“Each work is a personal interpretation of movement, change, and discovery,” the

organisers said.

The opening night of the exhibition will be Friday, June 13, at 5.30pm and members of the public are invited to head along for “a relaxed evening of art, good company, food, and drinks”.

“It’s a celebration of creativity, connection, and the many paths we each take,” the organisers said.

**DETAILS: *Navigation* opens on June 13, 5.30pm at the Vessel Art Co-op, 752 Pollen St, Thames. The exhibition will run until July 9.**



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# Pāuanui’s rising star set for surfing worlds

## SURFING

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

A Pāuanui surfer will be one of six “bold” youths representing New Zealand at the ISA World Surfing Games in El Salvador later this year.

Surfing New Zealand announced last week that Lola Groube would be part of the squad heading to Central America for the Games, held from September 5-14.

They said the 13-year-old’s “fearless surfing and flawless turns” had made her a “stand-out” in national competitions, and that she brought “fresh energy and raw potential to the team”.

Lola, who is part of the surf academy at Whangamatā Area School, as well as the Whangamatā Boardriders, earlier told *The Profile* she started surfing when she was just three-years-old, moving into the competitive circuit at age 10. “Every surf is different and I really love that,” she said.

“Where we live there are a lot of small waves, so we have to travel a bit so I can learn more and get comfortable surfing larger waves and reef breaks, which can be tricky.”

Surfing New Zealand said this year’s team marked “a new



Pāuanui surfer Lola Groube will head to the ISA World Surfing Games in El Salvador later this year.

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era” for New Zealand surfing, featuring some of the nation’s “most exciting up-and-coming surfers who have proven their readiness to compete against the world’s best”.

“With the majority of the team in their teens or early 20s, the squad reflects the energy and talent of a new generation

rising through the ranks.

“Competing at La Bocana and El Sunzal, two of Central America’s most iconic point breaks, these six young surfers will wear the silver fern with pride and determination.”

While the 2025 team may be youthful, New Zealand’s legacy at the ISA World Surfing Games

is a long and proud one.

Kiwi surfers have competed in the event since the 1960s, and at the 2024 ISA World Surfing Games in Puerto Rico, New Zealand placed 18th overall in a field of more than 50 countries.

And although the 2025 ISA World Surfing Games would

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# Not every hill is worth dying on

**OPINION**  
By **MICHAEL WILKES**  
As a kid, I was a bit of a weird one. I had this strange fascination with bees. While most kids were running from them, I'd be crouched near the flowers watching them do their thing — collecting pollen, totally unbothered by the world. And here's where it gets real odd. I used to sneak up and gently cup my hands around them. Just hold them there. Let them buzz around inside my hands for a bit. And then, if I was feeling

cheeky, I'd release one right in front of someone just to give them a fright. But funny thing — I never once got stung doing that. It was like the bees knew they weren't under threat. They were just doing their job. No panic. No drama. Just chill. Fast forward to the other day — I did get stung by a bee. And it hit different this time. I stopped and thought about what just happened. Because when a honeybee stings, it dies. That's a massive sacrifice. But see, bees don't live as individuals. They work as one — a swarm. A unit. Everything they do is for the

good of the hive. So if they sting, it's not random. It's to protect the bigger purpose. But when they're alone and feel threatened, instinct kicks in. Logic disappears. They're not defending the hive anymore. They're just reacting. And they end up dying on a hill that wasn't worth it. It got me thinking about how we act sometimes. Me included. We're part of a team — a family, a work crew, a community. We're trying to head in the same direction. But along the way, someone has a different idea of how to get there. And suddenly, we're clashing.

We stop listening. We dig in. We argue not because it's the right way, but because it's our way. We lose sight of the vision. We sting, and no one wins. Like the bee, our passion takes over but our purpose slips away. So here's the thought: not every hill is worth dying on. Sometimes keeping unity matters more than being right. Sometimes the best thing we can do is step back, breathe, and ask: Is this really worth it? Because if we sting every time things don't go our way, we risk losing the very thing we were trying to protect all along.



Michael Wilkes is a youth worker with Living Well Trust, running mentoring and resilience programmes across Thames and Paeroa. To support local youth work or follow more stories and insights, find him on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok @michaelwilkes.kiwi. If you'd like to connect about a speaking engagement, community initiative, or supporting youth work, email michael@livingwell.org.nz.

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Protest ‘first of many’

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

A group of protestors set up outside Thames-Coromandel MP Scott Simpson's Thames office at 12.30 on May 30. The event was advertised as “protesting government attacks on our communities”, and invited locals to bring along all their issues, including mining, poverty, pay parity, climate denial, budget cuts and more.

Thames' labour representative, Beryl Riley, said the protest was the first of many.

“People are really upset and angry... this government doesn't seem to be listening to the people, doesn't seem to be seeing the hardship of ordinary New Zealanders,” she said. “We're seeing this as a way for people who are feeling angry and don't know what to do about it, to at least gather, meet like minds, have a chat.”

Beryl said there were around 30 adults who attended the protest, along with 40 children from Thames South School Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga. She said they came

from various Thames groups, including The Basket Hauraki, the combined trade union, Ngāti Maru, and others.

“We had lots of people get up and speak,” Beryl said. “[There was] a lot of concern about how this was not a budget that was helping ordinary people get ahead.”

They plan to hold a protest on the last Friday of each month.

Scott Simpson was not in Thames on the day of the protest. However, he told *The Profile* that people were always welcome to protest peacefully as a fundamental democratic right.

“The budget's gone down very well I think with most New Zealanders,” he said.

“I get completely that Labour party members and activists don't like what our government is doing but the simple fact is that we're cleaning up a mess that was the result of six years of economic mismanagement and it's going to take us some time to put that

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Sunday 29th June 2025  
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DISTRICT COUNCIL

**RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION**

Hauraki District Council has received a resource consent application as follows to demolish the St James Presbyterian Church (Category A Heritage Feature).

Applicant's name: The Presbyterian Church Property Trustees

Location: 76 Moresby Avenue, Waihi

**Hauraki District Council (HDC) – Application Reference: LUSE-202.2025.00002013.001**

**Rule:** 6.1.5.6

**Rule name:** Demolition (in whole or part) of a Category A Heritage Feature.

**Status of Activity:** Non-Complying

**Comment:** To demolish St James Presbyterian Church (Category A Heritage feature).

The District Council application can be viewed at the Hauraki District Council's (HDC) Paeroa Office, William Street, Paeroa, Waihi Office, 40 Rosemont Road, Waihi and the Waihi Library, or online at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz).

Please contact the HDC Duty Planner on 07 8628609 if you have any questions about application LUSE-202.2025.00002013.001.

Any person may make a submission on the application, but a person who is a trade competitor of the applicant may do so only if that person is directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the application relates that

(a) Adversely affects the environment; and

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You may make a submission on the application by sending a written submission to Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17, Paeroa, 3640 or electronically [submissions@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or by delivery to a Council office in Paeroa, Waihi or Ngatea. The submission must be on form 13. Copies of this form are available on the HDC website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) and from Council offices.

**Submissions close on Wednesday 9th July 2025.**

You must serve a submission on The Presbyterian Church Property Trustees whose address for service is C/- Patrick McHardy, 15 Thompson Street, Tokoroa 3420 Email: [Patrick.mcHardy@southwaikato.govt.nz](mailto:Patrick.mcHardy@southwaikato.govt.nz) as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Hauraki District Council.

D A Speirs  
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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Form (5)

4 Battle preparation positions (6,8)

11 Dummy bullet (5)

14 Normal (5)

15 Astronomy building (11)

16 Suave (8)

19 Enterprise (7)

20 Trapdoor (5)

21 Guarantee (9)

24 Bandit (9)

26 Fold mark (6)

27 Beach suit (6)

31 Gunfire (5)

32 Beefy (8)

34 Source of income (10)

38 Panic-stricken (7)

39 Japanese theatre (6)

40 Of horses (6)

41 Omen (4)

42 Put right (7)

45 Unwilling to take sides (2,3,5)

50 Any seal (anag)(7)

54 Identical (4)

55 In agreement (6)

56 Room to manoeuvre (6)

57 Aloof (7)

60 Frittered away (10)

61 News gatherer (8)

62 Paper quantity (5)

65 Lecture (6)

66 Chasm (6)

67 Transport for injured (9)

72 Poker hand (4,5)

73 African country (5)

74 Woollen fabric (7)

79 Strong European spirit (8)

80 Insubordinate (11)

81 Undress (5)

82 Shelf (5)

83 Gather nerve (5,2,7)

84 Bordered (5)

DOWN

2 Accommodation building (6)

3 Machinery (5)

5 Block (4)

6 Northern country (7)

7 Learner (6)

8 Dancer's skirt (4)

9 Harshes (anag)(8)

10 Playground plank (6)

11 Respiratory disorder (10)

12 Absent (4)

13 City in Pakistan (7)

17 Feel one's way (5)

18 Stand-in (10)

22 Tiling cement (5)

23 Smaller number or part (8)

25 No longer existing (7)

26 Capital of Wales (7)

28 Accusation (6)

29 Farm implement (6)

30 Strain injury (6)

33 Series of mountains (5)

35 Solid (5)

36 Petty quarrel (4)

37 Spotted (4)

42 Stands (5)

43 Daily traveller (8)

44 Over there (6)

45 Teetotal (2,3,5)

46 Shipshape (4)

47 General (anag)(7)

48 Not liable to (6)

49 Professorship (5)

51 Steel pin (4)

52 Salad vegetable (7)

53 Lookout (6)

58 Not precise (10)

59 Less (5)

63 Oil checker (8)

64 Berate (5)

65 Sunshade (7)

68 Small dog (7)

69 Mistake (4-2)

70 Summerhouse (6)

71 Update (6)

75 Famous (5)

76 Cast off (4)

77 Noose (4)

78 Hitch (4)

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Again, 4 Carefree, 9 Precise, 14 Place, 15 Haul over the coals, 17 Giddy, 18 Sap, 19 Rejoice, 20 Qualities, 21 Iguana, 24 Courgette, 25 Assess, 26 Called, 29 Camouflage, 31 Tow, 32 Mallet, 33 Smug, 35 Age, 37 Gaze, 39 Astronomy, 40 Terminate, 41 Seize, 42 Attacked, 47 Meltdown, 51 Idols, 55 Profusion, 56 Precision, 58 Lane, 59 Duo, 60 Elba, 61 Deride, 62 Oaf, 63 Opposition, 66 Theory, 67 Dinghy, 69 Meandered, 72 Punish, 73 Herculean, 75 Student, 77 Ill, 80 Erect, 81 Fancy one's chances, 82 Alter, 83 Spiral, 84 Auditors, 85 House.

DOWN: 2 Guatemala, 3 Igloo, 5 Acre, 6 Exhaust, 7 Recollection, 8 Exact, 9 Possess, 10 Edgy, 11 Indigo, 12 Balsa, 13 Leopard, 14 Pyjamas, 16 Vacuum flask, 22 Aghast, 23 Isolate, 24 Cholera, 25 Always, 27 Lumbago, 28 Degree, 30 Eton, 32 Merit, 34 Green, 36 Gift, 38 Act, 42 Ample, 43 Trouble, 44 Crux, 45 Exiled, 46 Horde, 48 Long stretch, 49 Diluted, 50 Win, 51 Insipid, 52 Spooky, 53 Self-employed, 54 Silo, 57 Impede, 64 Offenders, 65 Printer, 66 Typical, 68 Gleeful, 70 Against, 71 Asleep, 72 Plate, 74 Conga, 76 Dingo, 78 Stir, 79 User.





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# Hauraki's Cooper flies fast, finishes first

## MOTOCROSS

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Cooper Young's motocross dreams are to always have fun and "do my best".

His passion clearly paid off when he clinched the number one spot for the 12-16 years 125cc class at the 2025 New Zealand TT Nationals Competition at Fullers Farm in Taupiri on May 3-4.

Even though the motocross-mad rider qualified in 15th place - he went on to finish the event with a first, second and third, and two fourth placings, plus snapped up the overall first place in his class.

The Hauraki Plains College year 10 student, who rides for the school team, told *The Profile* his final race was a combination of the best and most challenging races of the entire event.

"I was tied with another competitor and whoever won that race won the overall points - and I bet him... I was stoked.

"It was good for me to deal with the pressure of having a tied race, to push me to ride harder."

However, the biggest challenge was when he had to get up and catch his competitor after he hit a berm too hard,



crashed and lost his first place position, he said.

The young rider's training routine leading up to the TT Nationals consisted of Monday swims, two gym visits a week and a ride day, he said.

His strategy was to "ride as hard as I can" and stay on his bike.

The motocross champ's jour-

ney into the sport started when he got his first bike at age five.

The 14-year-old said he learned how to ride at home and started to compete at motocross tracks when he was around eight years old.

"Motocross is in the family so it was a natural thing for me to compete."

And when it came to mentors

in motocross, the young rider didn't need to look far as "both sides of my family" were his biggest influences.

Technique was something Cooper said he'd worked on and sorted, and now was focussed on speed.

But the two-wheeled thrill-seeker has his eye on another competition.



Hauraki Plains College year 10 Cooper Young revs to first place in the 12-16 years 125cc class. LEFT: Cooper leaves a wheely big mess for the other riders.

Photos: COURTNEY VINING

Some of the Hauraki Plains College motocross team would travel to Foxton to race in the Gold Coast Motocross Club Secondary Schools Competition for round three of the New Zealand Battle of the Schools Series, he said.

"My sights are set on winning the 12-14 year 125cc class."

Cooper said he liked to thank his mum and dad for always getting him to the tracks.

"My sponsors are Triple 8 Training, Mr Motorcycles, P1 Moto, Slater Contracting, Bridgestone Tyres Morrinsville."

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