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## To Everest and beyond

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest  
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**F**rom the surf of Hot Water Beach to the snowy heights of Nepal, one Coromandel local is helping young people rise to the challenge of the peaks - and beyond.

For more than a decade, Gary Hinds has been leading groups of youth into Nepal's Khumbu Valley, home to one of Mount Everest's Base Camps.

What started as a trip with his niece back in 2012 has now evolved into a meaningful tradition, one that combines family, adventure, and a lesson in doing what you love.

Gary, from Whenuakite, balances a life between sea and summit, something he says he is very fortunate to do.

"I get quite a buzz out of thinking how the day before I leave or the day I leave, I normally go for a swim at Hot Water Beach, and then within two weeks, I'm actually standing at 5500 metres, looking at the sunrise above Chomolungma, so yeah, it's a rather large contrast," he tells *The Profile*.

"Everything I do, I enjoy doing, so I'm very fortunate that way. That's what I tell my kids - find what you enjoy doing, and do that. Don't do what doesn't excite you."

Gary first began trekking in Nepal not as a guide, but as an uncle. His niece was completing her Duke of Edinburgh Award and asked if he'd accompany her on the journey. With his background working with young people, he was then welcomed back as a leader.

His treks are scheduled to fall within the April school holidays - springtime in Nepal - and Gary estimates that more than 25 youth, many of them students from Mercury Bay Area School, have already made the life-changing trip.

"We start walking at about 3500 metres, so they're a long way up... and it's just about putting one foot in front of the other and trying to get them into a bit of a routine or a rhythm."

"It doesn't matter how fast they're moving," Gary says, "as long as they're taking those steps, they'll always get to that next stop. And they can kind of take that and use that in life. Because for a lot of the students I've taken over the years, you can see how it's changed them. It kind of opens doors by getting

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Gary Hinds and his daughter Taimania have been to Everest Base Camp multiple times.

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over there, seeing how fortunate they are, seeing a different culture, a different way of life... and it just makes them a bit more motivated."

Not only has the experience become a rite of passage for Co-romandel youth, it's also now a family tradition in Gary's own home. His daughter Taimania has already made the trek to Base Camp, and next year his son Taingarunui will join them.

But it's not just about ticking Everest off a bucket list. The 19-day expedition - which includes 16 days of trekking - is built on a connection that runs deep.

Kiwis, Gary says, are especially respected in the region thanks to the legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary. The group even stays near the first hospital Sir Ed built.

The trips are open to teens and parents alike. No mountaineering experience is required, and an added reassurance is having Gary's daughter Taimania - a registered nurse - being alongside.

Taimania, 24, works in Whitianga and was 16 when she first went to the Everest Base Camp. She says the culture in Nepal is "next level" and not easily explained.

"I'm always kind of a bit lost for words on how to explain the culture and just the vibe over there. I've grown up with dad going over there every year, so I'd always kind of had, I guess, a bit more of an insight to what to expect."

For them both, it's about encouraging people to do something different.

"Just, yeah, stepping outside your comfort zone," Gary says, "and going to experience a different culture, and an indigenous way of life - on a rather large hill."

**DETAILS:** If you or someone you know would be interested in going on a trek in 2026, contact Gary at hindzy@xtra.co.nz.

Gary says Kiwis are especially respected in the region thanks to the legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary.  
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Waihi Beach

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# Councils go separate ways for water reform

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

When it comes to the future of water services, Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel district councils agree that it's better not to go it alone; however, they've opted to align with different regional partners.

Both councils held meetings last week to decide on the future of water services and delivery, as part of central government's mandated Local Water Done Well reform.

Hauraki made a unanimous decision to go with the Waikato Water Done Well sub-regional Council-Controlled option; while Thames-Coromandel voted to join with Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty councils.

But while their water services partners may differ, both councils described their decisions as a balance of technical, financial, and community considerations.

"We crunched the numbers and we're confident that this decision to form a Council-Controlled Organisation [CCO] with other councils in the Waikato catchment area will give the economies of scale and service efficiencies we need for our communities going forward," Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams said.

"Holistically, it's also the right approach for managing waterways as a whole in the Waikato."



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According to Hauraki, seven Waikato councils signed a Heads of Agreement in 2024 to explore a regional CCO as one option for the management of water services to meet the requirements of the Local Water Done Well policy.

The CCO, once established, would manage the water and wastewater service delivery, including assets and liabilities, of its shareholding council owners and would have independent, qualified directors appointed by the shareholding councils.

Stormwater management would remain, however, with Hauraki.

Across the boundary line, Thames-Coromandel District Council voted to join with Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty councils to form their joint water services delivery organisation, following what council said was "a year of research, meetings, workshops and community consultation".

Staff analysis recommended the Western Bay of Plenty and Tauranga City option as the best to provide future affordability for local ratepayers, while providing "a mechanism to influence the design of the new joint Water Service Organisation".

Joining the Waikato Water Done Well grouping of seven Waikato councils, including

Hauraki, was considered to be a good option, but not as strong as the Tauranga/Western Bay of Plenty option, TCDC said.

"This is an important decision for council, which focuses on ensuring our water services will be delivered sustainably for future generations," chief executive Aileen Lawrie said.

Seven councillors and TCDC Mayor Len Salt voted in favour of the option, while councillors John Morrissey and Martin Rodley voted against it.

Both Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel councils must now draft up a Water Services Delivery Plan - which will be presented to the Department of Internal Affairs - by September 3.

Meanwhile, last week Waikato district and Hamilton City councils unanimously agreed to form their Council-Controlled Organisation to jointly build and manage water infrastructure.

On June 24, the councils announced that what is the first publicly-owned water company for Waikato now had a name and its first Board of Directors.

The company name is Iawai Flowing Waters, while the three-person Establishment Board is made up of Kevin Lavery as Executive Chair, with Tim Manukau (Tainui Waka) and Dave Chambers as directors.





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To confirm your attendance, please email the deputy electoral officer [john.mciver@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:john.mciver@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or freephone 0800 734 834.

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# Wheels up at Waihi

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

A first-of-its-kind pump track has opened in Waihi, with an estimated 600 people turning up to test out the twists, turns, and jumps.

A pump track party was held at the site at Morgan Park on June 7, which included a BMX display, spot prizes, and celebration.

The Waihi Community Forum estimated around 600 people attended the event, bringing both wheels and whānau to the festivities.

The fully-accessible pump track was pitched as being the first of its kind in the Hauraki district, with a wheelchair-friendly design and a circuit suitable for championships.

The track's design was chosen by the community during the forum's public consultation period and is part of a new Outdoor Recreation Hub to be situated in Morgan Park. It is the first aspect of the multi-stage project to be constructed.



Youth line up for a go on the new pump track. Photos: MICKIE WILLIAMS



Riders enjoy the fully-accessible pump track.



A rider gets air on opening day.

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An aerial view of the pump track at Morgan Park.



Around they go - kids attended in droves to the pump track party.

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# Community supports proposed Ahi Pātiki Pathway

A safer walking and biking connection between Waihi Beach and Athenree is a step closer, with plans for the Ahi Pātiki Pathway moving into the resource consent phase.

At a recent projects and monitoring committee meeting, Western Bay of Plenty councillors gave the green light to prepare and lodge a resource consent application with Bay of Plenty Regional Council, anticipated for July 2025.

Community feedback gathered in April and May showed strong support for the proposed pathway, with 70 per cent of the 277 submissions backing the concept plan and others providing suggestions for improvement.

The proposed Ahi Pātiki Pathway is a 3m wide, 355m-long shared pathway across the Waiau Estuary, connecting Athenree and Waihi Beach. Once finished, it will offer a safer, more connected route for walking and cycling, and new opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, fishing, birdwatching, kayaking, or simply soaking in the beauty of the estuary environment.

Council’s acting general manager infrastructure services Peter Watson said it had been “really encouraging” to see how many people were excited about what the pathway could bring to the area. “Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts on the concept plan. We’re grateful for the support and thoughtful feedback, especially around safety features and ecological protection,” he said.

That feedback, particularly



Concept art, above and right, shows the proposed Ahi Pātiki Pathway, a new walking and biking connection between Waihi Beach and Athenree. Images: SUPPLIED

around boardwalk balustrades, material choices, pōhutukawa tree preservation, environmental impacts, and specialist environmental assessments, will feed into the resource consent application, council said. Consent conditions resulting from a successful application will also inform the detailed design stage.

“The majority of feedback was positive, highlighting the benefits the project would bring to com-

munity connectivity, safety, recreational opportunities and cultural significance,” Mr Watson said. “With both the community and committee’s support to move forward, we’re continuing to progress the project with confidence.”

Projects and Monitoring committee chair, Councillor Don Thwaites, said the pathway had been a long-standing community aspiration, and the committee was pleased to see it progressing with

strong public backing.

“We know how important it is to create safe and accessible connections that also respect the environment. The committee is supportive of continuing the work needed to bring this pathway closer to reality,” Cr Thwaites said.

While construction funding is not yet secured, progressing to resource consent will enable council to confirm costs and develop a funding strategy.



The name Ahi Pātiki has been gifted to the pathway by mana whenua, Te Whanau a Tauwhao, and reflected the historical and spiritual connection of the area to the pātiki (flounder). It links back to Ngāi Te Rangi rangatira (chief) Hōri Tūpaea, who named the area after his favourite kai (food).

As well as providing a walking and cycle route, the Ahi Pātiki Pathway is also seen as a potential emergency evacuation route for the community.

It’s been a priority in planning documents - including the Waihi Beach Community Plan and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Land Transport Plan – for many years. The pathway is also a section of the Tauranga Moana Coastal Cycle Trail described in the Walking and Cycling Action Plan.

**DETAILS:** For more information, check out the project page at your-place.westernbay.govt.nz/ahi-patiki-pathway.

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# Matariki fun

The Paeroa War Memorial Hall was alive with music, whānau and people from throughout Hauraki who showed up in droves to celebrate Matariki on June 26. The inaugural Matariki ki Hauraki event put on by Nga Iwi FM not only celebrated the Māori New Year, but also served as an opportunity to “teach people about Matariki within our space”, Nga Iwi FM general Manager Hara Karu said. Across the hall people spent time in different spaces from stalls for mosaics, face painting and jewellery making to the community information areas, the rongoā Māori [Māori medicine] space and the kono raranga [basket weaving] area with kaumātua [elders] and more. The day hummed along with music by Rangī Leggan, kī-o-rahi games hosted by Ngā Wai Tāpara a Rangatahi, and a special kapa haka performance from Paeroa Central School. Reporter **DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA** was there to join the festivities.



Students create with clay.



Reihana Pakinga shares her passion of rongoā Māori.



Colleen Renata weaves with harakeke.



Ryan, 6, and Nyah, 5, visit Skye at the paint stall.

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# Epileptic seizures lead to two deadly falls



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

Elizabeth Canavan was out for a Sunday walk with her six year old daughter at Ow-haroa in November 1907 when, as they passed over a culvert, she suddenly fell over into a feeder of the river.

Her daughter went for help, and found Maurice Davies who rescued Elizabeth, still alive and lying in about four or five feet of water.

The 44-year-old was taken to Waihi Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the spine.

Elizabeth had been kicked by a horse on the back of the neck about 17 years previously. Some time afterwards she developed epilepsy.

Three weeks before her fall she had been to a specialist in Auckland, and was undergoing treatment. It was thought she had fallen into the river due to an epileptic seizure. Around six weeks after the fall Elizabeth died at Waihi hospital.

She left a husband, Edward, an engine driver, and her daughter. An inquest found



Waihi Hospital, 1907.  
Photo: SUPPLIED

that Elizabeth died as the result of an injury received by falling off a culvert on the main road between Owharoa and Karan-gahake.

Epilepsy was then a very misunderstood condition, described as a 'brain storm' and regarded with a mixture of superstition and fear.

It was believed there was a link between epilepsy and crime which caused many to keep their condition quiet.

But one who did let others know about her condition was 44-year-old Esther Snow of Kaihere, Hauraki Plains.

Esther was housekeeper to William Suckling, a butcher. On a December afternoon in 1923 she was seen to cross a paddock and suddenly disappear into a drain.

When Esther felt an epileptic attack coming on she would head for a neighbour's house across the road.

The neighbours - Mrs Senior, Mrs Benny, and Mr Walton - often went to her assistance.

That afternoon Mrs Senior received a message from Esther and hurried toward her house. On her way she passed Mr Walton and told him. He hurried on in front of her.

They found Esther lying face down in a drain by the roadside and lifted her from it in an unconscious state. After artificial respiration she revived and was carried into her house where she recovered consciousness but complained of severe pains in her back.

Mrs Senior and Mrs Benny did everything possible to help her

but Esther died around 6pm.

The Coroner, Dr Valentine and Constable Devereux left for Kaihere the next morning to hold an inquest.

Evidence was given that during the previous six years she had been Mr Suckling's housekeeper she had been subject to epileptic seizures at intervals of about two months.

Dr Valentine found Esther had died from a haemorrhage of the lungs and the coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Although it wasn't epileptic seizures that killed them, both Elizabeth and Esther met their demise by the falls that followed them.

Elizabeth was buried at Waihi cemetery and Esther at Shortland cemetery, Thames.

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. If the *Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy was shortened to only include scenes where one female character talks to another female character, how many minutes would the trilogy run? a) 20 minutes, b) 2 minutes, or c) 2 seconds?
2. The Chelsea Sugar Factory is found in which New Zealand city?
3. London's 'Big Three' busiest airports are Gatwick, Stansted, and which other airport?
4. Entomophagy refers to the consumption of what type of animal?
5. Tasseography involves reading what to predict a person's future? a) a crystal ball, b) a person's palm, or c) tea, coffee or wine?
6. Brant Webb and Todd Russell were the only two survivors of which Australian disaster in 2006?
7. Which former All Black and Chiefs player is still the youngest person ever to win the Rugby Player of the Year (won in 2014), and has a surname that rhymes with metallic?
8. How many metric cups are there in one litre?
9. What is an 'adit'? a) a decorative vase, b) an entrance to a mine, or c) a canal?
10. In the Rudyard Kipling short story *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, who is Rikki-Tikki-Tavi? a) an asp, b) a cobra, or c) a mongoose?



ANSWERS: 1. c) 2 seconds; 2. Auckland; 3. an entrance to a mine; 10. c) a mongoose. Disaster: 7. Brodie Retail; 8. Four; 9. b) wine; 6. The Beaconsfield Mine Collapse; 4. Insects; 5. c) tea, coffee or Heathrow; 4. Insects; 5. c) tea, coffee or

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## SEMI FINALISTS SORTED

The next match saw Whangamata travel to Paeroa and give the Green Machine a bit of a scare early on.

Next week - get to a game - Paeroa hosting Mercury Bay and Waihi taking on Waihou.



**Troy Costello finds the net. RIGHT: Emma Hinds in action in the winning game.** Photos: MARK BROWN

## Thames FC left to rue missed chances in 3-2 defeat to Northern United

Having failed to make early dominance count, Thames were then punished. A swift counter-attack put Northern United back on level terms. Michael Pouwels found space in the box; Mathew Burchell made a brilliant save on the initial shot, but the ball found its way back to Pouwels, who converted his second attempt with

With five minutes left, Northern United landed a sucker punch. Christian Sonneveld's cross found Pouwels, who headed home his second goal to put Northern ahead 3-2 as time slipped away. They then managed the game smartly to secure a win that lifted them into the top four. "This was a tough loss in difficult weather conditions," captain Keegan Apperley said. "We played well and built good attacks, but finishing was the difference between the teams. Despite results, performances are improving - good signs to build on."

Better news for Thames Women, who defeated Cambridge Rubies 5-3. The win lifts them into third place, four points behind the leaders with a game in hand. Lydia Mahon (2), Jessica Rendall (2), and Ariel McNab were the scorers. *Jonathan Coles*



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# HDC NEWS



It's been a busy and productive year for our Council with some big wins over the line since July 2024. Here's a wrap up of some of the key projects throughout the district.

## Plains Ward



### Ngātea North Subdivision

Budget \$9M

Council undertook this venture to unlock development and growth in Ngātea. Fifty two lots will be up for sale in the near future with locals getting the first opportunity to register their interest before going on the open market.

The project is tracking well to budget and time-frames and includes a community playground.



### Hugh Hayward rugby field improvements

Field lights for night games installed and upgrade to second rugby field.

*"THANK YOU for the work with regards to lights on the domain, every week these are being used by most users of grass sports on the domain and it is a blessing to have them available in town. Some Friday nights we even have rippa rugby being played under them."*

Chris Spilsbury Club Delegate Vice President,  
Hauraki Youth Rugby Ngātea Rugby & Sports Club



### Ngātea Netball courts Resurfacing project

We worked closely with the Hauraki Netball Association by providing Project Management and Engineering services with some funding also covering the cost of line markings to make the courts multipurpose. All construction costs covered by the Netball Association. A great collaboration and end result for the community.



### New Ngātea Service Centre and Library building

Budget \$4.8M

We've said haere rā to the old building (what a turn out at Memories over a Cuppa Afternoon Tea!) and with demolition almost complete the next step will be the establishment of the main contractor on site to start the new build in July.



### Re-opening of Waitakaruru to Kōpū Hauraki Rail Trail

Budget: \$1.5M, 50% funding provided by MBIE

An innovative resurfacing technique to reduce maintenance costs along the top of the stop bank has this section of the trail back in action after an extended closure due to important stop bank upgrades.



### Front Miranda Road Footpath Renewal

Budget: \$132K - final cost to ratepayers \$85K

Safety first – upgrades include improved footpaths; access from Hauraki Rail Trail to the public toilets; shared space signage for cyclists and a crossing point a safe distance from the intersection.



### Tūrua – Hauraki Road main street rehabilitation and watermain upgrades

Budget: Road rehabilitation \$1M; Watermain Upgrades - \$1.336M

Road construction is nearing completion with some finishing touches planned for the next construction season which starts in October 2025.

Two sections of watermain were renewed on Hauraki Rd and within Tūrua township.



### Construction of two new raw water reservoirs - Kerepēhi

Budget: \$2.7M

The raw water pipeline and raw water reservoirs are nearing completion and will add around 4 million litres of additional raw (untreated) water storage to our Kerepēhi site. Once commissioned they'll increase our water supply resilience and enable future growth.



### Kerepēhi Playground Upgrade

The much anticipated draft concept plans for the playground development will be shared at a community hui on Tuesday 1 July, 4pm – 6pm at the Kerepēhi Community Hall. This Placemaking project is made possible through partial funding from Better Off Funding.



### Hauraki Rail Trail Pūkoro to Kaiaua (P2K) Extension

The carpark opposite the Pink Shop was upgraded to improve the drainage off the carpark with signage installed to mark start of Hauraki Rail Trail. Additional road markings applied to each approach to the County Bridge to improve safety for cyclists and motorists.



### Replacement of 5.5km raw water intake pipe - Kerepēhi

Budget: \$6M



### Tūrua Projects

New fenced dog exercise area and new playground equipment in Tūrua Domain.



### Kaiaua Road Slip, Culvert Repair and Rock Armouring

Slip cost \$350K (80% funded by NZTA); Culvert and Rock armouring \$97K (61% funded by NZTA)

A slip on Kaiaua Road was repaired following storm damage.

A twin culvert headwall on East Road was fixed and rock armouring of the footpath.





Waihi Ward



Ridgeview Place, Waihi upgrade

Budget: \$350K

Ridgeview Place residents have welcomed this upgrade which includes stormwater drainage, kerb & channel, concrete footpaths, swales, driveways and chipseal surfacing.



Waihi Water Treatment Plant upgrade

Budget - \$4.4M with final cost of \$3.7M

Completed in October 2024, this project was delivered on time with no disruption to the main water supply to residents. It provides a backup filtration membrane for water supply resilience in Waihi and the ability to respond seamlessly in the event of a failure of one of the membranes. This upgrade has reduced the ongoing operating costs, reducing costs for ratepayers.



Waihi Hauraki Rail Trail extension

The construction of a new shared concrete path alongside the Ohinemuri river has been completed. This year we extended the trail from Wellington Street to Silverton Road, giving a continuous walking and cycling route from Gilmour Reserve to Victoria Street. The Victoria Street concrete path will eventually extend to the Goldfields Train Station to connect the Hauraki Rail Trail to the town centre via Victoria Street, Silverton Road, along the Ohinemuri River and up Gilmour Road.



Morgan Park Pump Track, Waihi

Total budget: \$250K Council; External Funding \$450K  
This exciting collaborative project between Council and the Waihi Community Forum officially opened on 7 June with a massive turnout! Constructed by Velosolutions NZ, this all ages all abilities facility is built to international competition standards. What an asset for the district.



Waihi to Waikino Hauraki Rail Trail upgrades and repair

Budget: \$507K funding provided by MBIE and insurance claim  
Cyclone Gabriel swept away some of the surface along the cycleway from Waihi to Victoria Battery. Damage has been concreted and resurfaced and riders confirm the trail is in tip top shape! The concrete provides a more resilient trail given this sections vulnerability to weather events. The trail is now more accessible for a wider range of users.

Waihi Refuse Transfer Station weighbridge installation

Installation of weighbridges at the entrance and exit to the Refuse Transfer Station with contactless technology and number plate recognition will ensure consistent pricing for all customers as charges are on actual weight, not a guestimate. Work is on track to reopen on Wednesday 9 July 2025.



Waitawheta Road link track, Waikino

Budget: \$90K, partially funded by MBIE  
A new cycleway/pedestrian link track to improve safety between the Victoria Battery access road and Waitawheta Road is on track for completion in July 2025 and forms part of the future development plans for Waitawheta Road.

Golden Valley Road Rehabilitation

Total cost: \$850K (61% NZTA fund)  
Golden Valley Road reopened to through traffic on the 16 May 2025 after storm damage washed a large chunk of the road away, this very technical project came in on budget and on time. Future proofing the road includes a 125 metre road alignment with retaining walls, backfilling and earthworks.



Paeroa Ward

Paeroa Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Cost \$42M

Work is progressing well on site. This \$42million upgrade is the biggest single project that Council has undertaken. The upgrade will improve water treatment and environmental outcomes while future proofing the district for growth and the new discharge standards.



Paeroa Domain Grandstand seating and refurbish

Paeroa Railway Reserve upgrade – consultation is in progress. The next step is the preparation of a draft concept design to support funding applications. The upgrade will include things like a half basketball court, disability accessible playground equipment, a scooter/stop-go track with placemaking and storytelling enhancements.



Dog Pound upgrade

Fenced exercise area and new roofing to create a covered area for visitors to view dogs up for adoption.



Edward Place Reserve upgrade

New half-court basketball with new hoop.



Rural Life

# Youth complete 4000-plant wetland legacy

Te Whangai Trust and local youth planted more than 1000 wetland plants at the Tiaki Repo Ki Pukorokoro Reserve in Pukorokoro Miranda on June 19, completing a 4000-plant project undertaken over the past month.

Te Whangai Trust's Adrienne Dalton told *The Profile* many of the young people had not participated in education since their early teens.

The trust offered them support with work, life skills, and experience.

"Many are currently undertaking a Primary Industry Training Organisation Level 2 course, gaining their first formal qualification," she said.

"They were keen to put into practice what they had learned as well as create an environmental legacy for the community."

Adrienne said during their time at Te Whangai, many of the youths had discovered personal skill sets they never knew existed.

They were now excited about gaining a qualification and planning for futures "they never dreamed possible", she said.

"Their experience with Te Whangai Trust has provided them a sense of self-worth and purpose while helping them integrate into their wider community.

"Their involvement in TRKP brought together a story of collaboration among people, heritage, agriculture, and biodiversity, showing there is a place for everyone."



The youths have completed a 4000-plant project undertaken over the last month.



Te Whangai Trust and local youth planted more than 1000 wetland plants at the Tiaki Repo Ki Pukorokoro Reserve on June 19.

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Rural Life

# Hunter-gatherer learns ‘good lessons’ in the wild

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The first time Millie Dunn saw a deer while she was hunting, it stopped her in her tracks.

“You just get this big rush of adrenaline,” the 14-year-old hunter told *The Profile*.

It was a moment where she had to think about what she’d do, and whether or not she would shoot it, she said.

“It’s just such a cool experience because you feel like you have this connection with the animal, after you shoot it as well.

“My dad always said that, if you don’t feel bad for the animal that you shoot, then you’re probably not a real hunter.”

But the big-game hunter, who is also a year-10 student at Paeroa College, said her family had a tradition.

“After we shoot any animal, [it] could be goat or pig or whatever, we usually sit with it and have a snack, just to be thankful for its life and that it gave us its life to be able to feed our family.”

Millie said she was around five years old when she went on her first hunting trip with her dad, Nick Dunn, but she was around nine years old when she shot her first deer with a Winchester Short Magnum. “We’re lucky enough to have access to private blocks that dad gets, but my first deer was on DOC land.”

But that’s not the only weapon Millie uses for her hunting trips.

Millie was swift with a bow and



Hunter-gatherer Millie Dunn, 14, is passionate about hunting and being in the wilderness. Photo: SUPPLIED

arrow as well, and said she liked to use that for smaller animals such as rabbits and goats.

The young tracker’s passion for being out in the wilderness came from a sense of belonging.

“This might sound a little bit weird, but I just feel like I belong in the bush. It’s just a nice feeling,

being in the peace and quiet.”

Something she loves about being there is getting away from the light pollution. “When you’re out in the bush, what we do is we turn our lights off and then we just look up and the sky is full of stars and it’s just so cool. That’s one of my favourite parts.”

Some things Millie said people should know before they go deer hunting for the first time was to always be aware of their surroundings, be patient and also the importance of gun safety.

Millie said after a shot is taken, the next step depends on whether or not the animal got hit.

“If you hit it right, then you just go [and] retrieve it. Hopefully it’s not a long one where you have to walk ages, but if it’s not dead then we have to go chase it down and follow its blood.”

Blood and guts were things that came part and parcel with the adventure. “Our rule is that if you shoot it, you have to cut it up, and take it all back up to wherever you came from,” she said.

Even though the rule could sometimes be “annoying” and quite a struggle, especially when she had to carry the animal up a steep hill, Millie said it was a good life lesson.

But getting uncomfortable for the shot is something Millie isn’t afraid to do. “I had to shoot something [while lying] on a prickly bush. Sometimes you just have to do that.”

It was clear the skills of knowing how to hunt and gather were significant for Millie.

“I feel like a good lesson is to know how to do that and to know how to cut up a deer, or a pig, or whatever you’re getting,” she said.

She looked forward to a few upcoming hunting trips for pigs and deer and also some spearfishing trips, another sport she does with her dad and little brother Maz.

The young pathfinder said she always wanted to learn new things and improve her skills “so I know how to do it better”.

“I feel like I have so much that I still have to learn though, and I’m really excited to learn more.”

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# The importance of the wrestle - especially when it's hard

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

Sometimes I like to think I'm tougher than I actually am.

I picture myself stepping into a fight — not out of anger, but for some noble reason, just to prove to myself I've got it in me.

But truth is, I'm a peace-keeper by nature. Always have been. If there's tension, I'd

rather talk it through than let it ever come to blows.

That said though — I do love a good wrestle.

I remember going head-to-head with a young adult, 15 years younger than me. I walked in thinking I was gonna smash him. Instead, we wrestled to exhaustion.

Both of us lying on our backs, sweaty, gassed, and calling it a draw.

And as I write this, I'm thinking about the deeper value in that kind of wrestle.

Because lately, I've realised something: we meet people all the time who are ready to fight

to defend an idea, a belief, a viewpoint — with everything they've got.

But here's the question that stopped me in my tracks recently: Have you actually wrestled with that idea you're defending?

Or is it just something you inherited — and now it feels too painful to question because you've built part of your world around it?

That hit hard.

Because the truth is, if you don't enter the wrestle — if you don't create space to challenge what you believe — you may end up defending something

you never really understood for yourself.

And that's not strength. That's fear in disguise.

So yeah — wrestle with it. Even when it's hard. Especially when it's hard.

Because clarity, conviction, and growth don't come from comfort.

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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**Native wildlife and forests need protection**

Native species are fighting for survival due to predation from rats, stoats and possums. Without protection, we risk losing the unique natural heritage and biodiversity within the Moehau conservation area.

Native species living in the forest include Coromandel striped gecko, Coromandel kiwi and Archey's frog, North Island robin/Toutouwai, kākā and kererū.

**Our plan to protect native species**

Through sustained predator control using 1080, there is a big increase in breeding success for native birds, their food source is more abundant, and the forest canopy is healthier.

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**Consultation and permissions**

DOC has consulted with hapū, iwi and key stakeholders including landowners adjacent to the treatment area.

DOC is delegated authority by the Environmental Protection Agency to decide applications for permission to use 1080 on land administered or managed by DOC. Permission has been granted for this operation. Permission has been granted from the Ministry of Health. DOC ensures that all legal and policy requirements are met, and that any potential risks of the operation are managed.

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Visit the DOC website: More information about DOC's National Predator Control Programme is available on our website [www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/national-predator-control-programme](http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/national-predator-control-programme)

Map of predator control area within Moehau

This map shows the area we are controlling predators to protect native species. You can also see operational updates and detailed maps of predator control on public conservation land on the DOC website. [www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries](http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries)



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Death Notices	Church Notice	Public Notices	Public Notices	Public Notices
<p><b>GRAY, Paul Francis (PFG):</b> On Sunday, 22 June 2025, Paul Francis Gray (PFG) died peacefully in Thames; aged 85. Dad was deeply loved by his children Sam, Tasha, and Kezia, and sons-in-law Chris and Cam. He was adored by his grandchildren Harley, Johnny, Liv, Jess, and George. Beloved husband of the late Toni, and cherished brother of John, Ann, Helen (dec), Natalie, and Gilbert (dec). Much loved brother-in-law of Judy, Doug (dec), and Keith. He was the quick-witted and fun uncle of his nieces and nephews, and a loyal friend to those who knew him through the various chapters of his life in Wellington, Mt Eden, and Thames. <i>A poet at heart, Dad was a kaitiaki (guardian) of the trees, the land, and the river that wound through the Kauaeranga Valley, his place of peace and belonging.</i> A celebration of his life will be held at a future time, with details to follow.</p> <p><b>TWENTYMANS</b></p>	<p><b>Waihi Bible Chapel</b> Ph. Num 021 522 668 Come read the Word. 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Ph Tony, 027 4404045</p>	<div></div> <p><b>NOTICE OF ELECTION AND POLL, NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025 ELECTIONS OF THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL</b> <b>Under sections 52 and 53 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, I give notice that on Saturday 11 October 2025 the following elections and poll will be held by postal vote using the First Past the Post electoral system:</b></p> <p><b>ELECTIONS</b> <b>Mayor</b> Election of mayor <b>Wards</b> Election of one councillor for the Coromandel-Colville General Ward Election of three councillors for the Mercury Bay General Ward Election of two councillors for the South East General Ward Election of three councillors for the Thames General Ward Election of one councillor for the Te Tara o Te Ika Māori Ward <b>Community Boards</b> Election of four members for the Coromandel-Colville Community Board Election of four members for the Mercury Bay Community Board Election of four members for the Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board Election of four members for the Thames Community Board Election of four members for the Whangamatā Community Board Candidate names will be listed in alphabetical order on the voting documents.</p> <p><b>POLL</b> The Thames-Coromandel District Council is required to hold a poll on Māori wards with the 2025 elections. The outcome of the poll will be binding and apply for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections. The poll is a vote to KEEP or REMOVE Thames-Coromandel District Council's Māori ward.</p> <p><b>NOMINATIONS</b> Each candidate must be nominated on the appropriate nomination paper. Candidates can complete and submit their nomination <b>online</b> at <a href="http://esp.electionservices.co.nz/lge2025/TC">esp.electionservices.co.nz/lge2025/TC</a>. Printed nomination forms are also available during normal business hours from Friday 4 July 2025 at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Council's Main Office</b> 515 Mackay Street, Thames</li><li>• <b>Coromandel Town Service Centre</b> 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel</li><li>• <b>Mercury Bay Service Centre</b> 10 Monk Street, Whitianga</li><li>• <b>Tairua Library</b> 2 Manaia Street, Tairua</li><li>• <b>Whangamatā Service Centre</b> 620 Port Road, Whangamatā</li><li>• by accessing <a href="http://www.tcdc.govt.nz">www.tcdc.govt.nz</a></li><li>• by phoning <b>0800 922 822</b></li></ul> <p>Nominations of candidates must be submitted online or in the hands of the electoral officer or an electoral official no later than midday on Friday 1 August 2025. Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 GST inclusive (payable by bank transfer, eftpos or cash). Online nominations require proof of the deposit to be uploaded as part of the submission. A candidate may submit a candidate profile statement and photo with their nomination paper. All nomination material must be submitted together. Any candidate profile statement or photo will be included with the voting documents and sent out to electors. An attachment to the nomination paper outlines rules and procedures governing candidate profile statements. The same information also appears in the online nominations portal.</p> <p><b>ELECTORAL ROLL</b> The electoral roll to be used for this election and poll closes on Friday 1 August 2025 and can be inspected during normal business hours from Friday 4 July 2025 at the above Council locations. Enrolment for inclusion on the Residents Electoral Roll is conducted through the Electoral Commission. Applications for enrolment should be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• accessing <a href="http://www.vote.nz">www.vote.nz</a></li><li>• phoning <b>0800 36 76 56</b></li></ul> <p>Enrolment for inclusion on the Ratepayers Electoral Roll is conducted through the electoral office of the Thames-Coromandel District Council. Applications for enrolment should be made on the prescribed form at the above locations, <a href="http://www.ratepayer.co.nz">www.ratepayer.co.nz</a>, <a href="http://www.tcdc.govt.nz">www.tcdc.govt.nz</a> or by phoning <b>0800 922 822</b>. Following closure of the roll, the electoral officer may, on application of any person who is or claims to be entitled to be enrolled or any other person or otherwise, make any necessary corrections to the names, addresses, abbreviations or marks appearing in the electoral roll. 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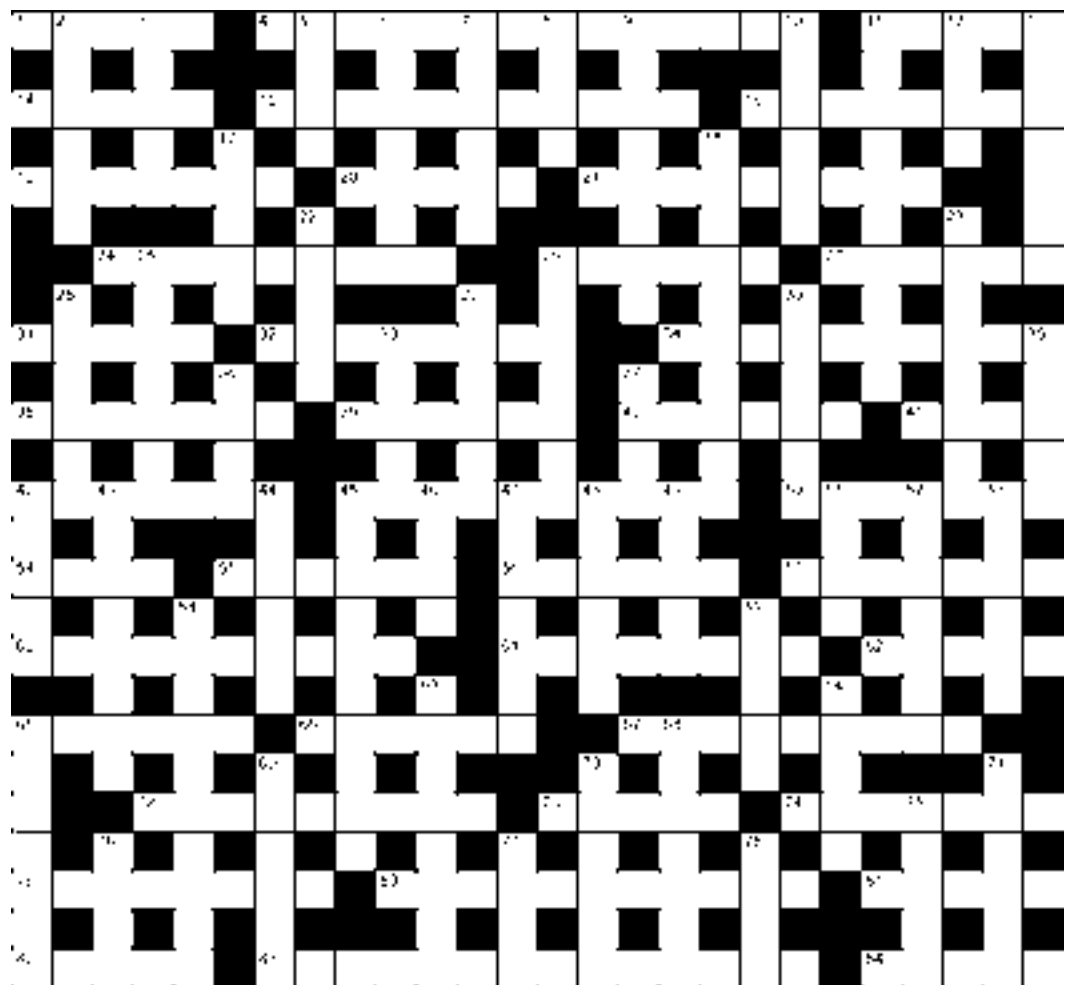
1 Theatre platform (5)  
4 Shortly (2,1,6,5)  
11 Drive out (5)  
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16 Blood feud (8)  
19 Protracted (7)  
20 Indistinct (5)  
21 Cost-effective (9)  
24 Drug dependence (9)  
26 Pick (6)  
27 Give a bounty to (6)  
31 Building block (5)  
32 Declare (8)  
34 Of no real importance (10)  
38 Argue (7)  
39 Higher in rank (6)  
40 Feedbox (6)  
41 Injure (4)  
42 Wartime accessory (7)  
45 High-ranking cleric (10)  
50 Manifest (7)  
54 Tots up (4)  
55 Travelling show (6)  
56 Nab (6)  
57 Perplexed (7)  
60 Washes pots (anag) (10)  
61 Activity decline (8)  
62 Managed (5)  
65 Visitor (6)  
66 Assemble (6)  
67 Changelessness (9)  
72 Astonishing (9)

**73** Panache (5)  
**74** Wretched (7)  
**79** Ghastly, shocking (8)  
**80** Office machines almost obsolete (11)  
**81** Aviator (5)  
**82** Solid (5)  
**83** Move aside! (3,3,2,3,3)  
**84** Prise (5)

**DOWN**

**2** Burrow (6)  
**3** Passing (5)  
**5** Steel pin (4)  
**6** Back problem (7)  
**7** Language (6)  
**8** Temporary quiet spell (4)  
**9** Unexpected bonanza (8)  
**10** Eye cover (6)  
**11** Threatened (10)  
**12** Compassion (4)  
**13** Despised (7)  
**17** Shackle (5)  
**18** Nitwit (10)  
**22** Yarn (5)  
**23** Point out the route to the driver (8)  
**25** Propriety in manners and conduct (7)  
**26** Japanese warrior (7)  
**28** Shock (6)  
**29** Salad vegetable (6)  
**30** Wrist band (6)  
**33** Hearten (5)

35 Restrict (5)  
36 Optical glass (4)  
37 Hankering (4)  
42 Pasture (5)  
43 Without warning (8)  
44 Dub (6)  
45 Satisfactory (10)  
46 Money (4)  
47 Live-in school pupil (7)  
48 Scattered (6)  
49 Beginning (5)  
51 Calf meat (4)  
52 Thaw (7)  
53 Required (6)  
58 Complete nonsense (5,5)  
59 Buy off (5)  
63 Expression of gratitude (5,3)  
64 Machinery (5)  
65 Squashed (7)  
68 Prickly plant (7)  
69 Attempting (6)  
70 Red wine (6)  
71 Be against (6)  
75 Similar (5)  
76 Broad smile (4)  
77 Idol (4)  
78 District (4)



**ACROSS:** 1 Throw, 4 Panicked, 9 Linger, 14 Doubt, 15 Have a good innings, 17 Cycle, 18 Cod, 19 Usually, 20 Barometer, 21 Starch, 24 Matchless, 25 Pistol, 26 Museum, 29 Deliberate, 31 Ail, 32 Sample, 33 Char, 35 Icy, 37 Kerb, 39 Insistent, 40 Nocturnal, 41 Erupt, 42 Gargoyle, 47 Strategy, 51 Sells, 55 Oversight, 56 Prognosis, 58 Dupe, 59 Spa, 60 Trio, 61 Youths, 62 Cog, 63 Philosophy, 66 Maggot, 67 Forced, 69 Delegates, 72 Paling, 73 Right away, 75 Contain, 77 Awe, 80 Torso, 81 Nervous as a kitten, 82 Lathe, 83 Sydney, 84 Hedonist, 85 Cease.

DOWN: 2 Headstone, 3 Opera, 5 Atom, 6 Imitate, 7 King of spades, 8 Dance, 9 Listens, 10 Nice, 11 Excite, 12 Munch, 13 Stadium, 14 Defraud, 16 Gild the lily, 22 Shears, 23 Torment, 24 Mailbag, 25 Polite, 27 Enhance, 28 Elicit, 30 Easy, 32 Syrup, 34 Relay, 36 Cuba, 38 Era, 42 Ghost, 43 Reeking, 44 Oust, 45 Lagoon, 46 Glass, 48 Rosy outlook, 49 Tedious, 50 Gap, 51 Station, 52 Spaced, 53 Rough diamond, 54 Snip, 57 Swings, 64 Happiness, 65 Pollute, 66 Miracle, 68 Chimney, 70 Liaison, 71 Energy, 72 Petty, 74 Harsh, 76 Title, 78 Corn, 79 Uses.





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