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Fighting for an opportunity

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

Three Paeroa youths have been offered the experience of a lifetime, but their fight isn't over yet. Codey Keane, Arlo Rakai and Nick Taylor were recently selected for the World Kickboxing Association New Zealand team. They are heading to Sheffield, England, and Carrara, Italy, for the 2025 world championships - if they can raise \$35,000.

The 16- and 17-year-olds are from Ngā Tama Toa, a small martial arts club in Paeroa. For more than two years they've been training under Hemi Keelan, and they credit the coach and the club for helping them achieve things they'd never dreamed of.

"[The club is] basically keeping me on the straight and narrow... Keeping me out of jail," Arlo said.

"Gives us a chance to turn our lives around as well," Nick added.

Training is five days a week, covering general fitness, core strength, sparring and technique across a variety of martial arts including muay thai and K1 kickboxing. And Hemi makes sure to nurture the youths' wellbeing as well as their fitness.

"Everyone's like a family here, it's amazing. No one's left out of anything," Codey said.

Their places as representatives on the New Zealand team come with a hefty price tag, which will cover expenses including accommodation, travel, gear and entry fees for the two-week trip. But the boys, who have never even been on a plane before, are determined to raise the money.

"It's a surreal experience, you



Nick Taylor, Codey Keane and Arlo Rakai are raising money for the "trip of a lifetime" with the WKA NZ kickboxing team. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

know?" they said.

"Just being able to actually get to travel, being able to fight for your country, it feels real good."

The club has until the end of September to raise the funds. They have already run a number of fundraising events, including a bake sale and raffles. On August 9 and 10 they are holding a car wash beside Scotty's Tyres on Normanby Rd, Paeroa, and a silent auction event is scheduled for September 6 at the Paeroa Memorial Hall.

There are also plans to run another fundraising fight on September 13 at Hikutaia School Hall.

"It is a lot of money in a short amount of time, but we're just going to do our best," the trio said.

Hemi said the club would do everything it could to get the boys there.

"[It's] super exciting because these boys didn't even have a passport and none of them ever thought they would get to this sort of recognition," he said.

"I'm really really proud of these young fellas.

"They've come a long way."

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Thames nurses join nationwide strike

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

July 30 once again saw nursing staff raise a picket line outside Thames Hospital, as nurses across New Zealand walked off the job for 24 hours.

The nationwide strike is part of ongoing union action by the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) since it began its collective bargaining agreement process with Health NZ Te Whatu Ora in September last year.

The strike began at 9am, with around 36,000 nurses, midwives, healthcare assistants and kaimahi hauora across the country withdrawing their labour from Te Whatu Ora-run healthcare services. Life-preserving services were not affected.

In Thames, around 30 people gathered on Mackay St with signs sporting slogans like "safe staffing saves lives" and "we need nurses".

They would not talk to media. An open letter from the union said the strike was called over concerns about staff shortages.

"Our primary concern is safe staffing. Right now, we simply don't have enough staff to safely care for the volume and complexity of patients coming through the doors. This isn't just a workplace issue - it's a public health issue," it read.

NZNO chief executive Paul Goulter also issued a press release on July 29, saying Te Whatu Ora was refusing to recruit into roles necessary for safe staffing.

"NZNO has raised concerns about chron-



Thames nurses turn out in support of a nationwide strike over staff shortages. Photo: SUPPLIED

ic and ongoing staff shortages continually throughout the collective agreement bargaining process," he said.

"If Te Whatu Ora truly values nurses, as it claims, it will ensure they are not understaffed, under-resourced and overworked."

Te Whatu Ora issued several statements in response to the strike action, saying it was "disappointed that the NZSO is taking strike action when there is a fair offer on the table".

"We would like to reassure New Zealanders that Health NZ is completely committed to safe staffing," it said.

"The offer rejected by the union would see a new graduate nurse on \$75,773 gain a

total pay increase of \$8337 (or 11 per cent) by the end of June, 2026, once step progression is included.

"A registered nurse on the highest step with a base salary of \$106,739 would see their pay increase by \$3224 to \$109,963 by the end of June, 2026.

"The average salary for both senior and registered nurses, including overtime, PDRP allowance, and penal rates, is \$125,662."

Te Whatu Ora estimated around 4300 planned procedures and specialist appointments would have to be postponed as a result of the strike action.

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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	Mn	Hr	Mn
Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	03	-0	05
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

Improving academics through emotional regulation

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

Alongside their regular lessons on reading, writing, and maths, the students at St Joseph's Catholic School in Paeroa are learning to understand themselves.

For the past three years, the school has been fine-tuning a social and emotional literacy teaching framework, dubbed Cognitive Affective Learning (CAL).

It was developed in association with Mary-Anne Murphy from emotional intelligence consultancy RocheMartin, using extensive feedback from the school's community.

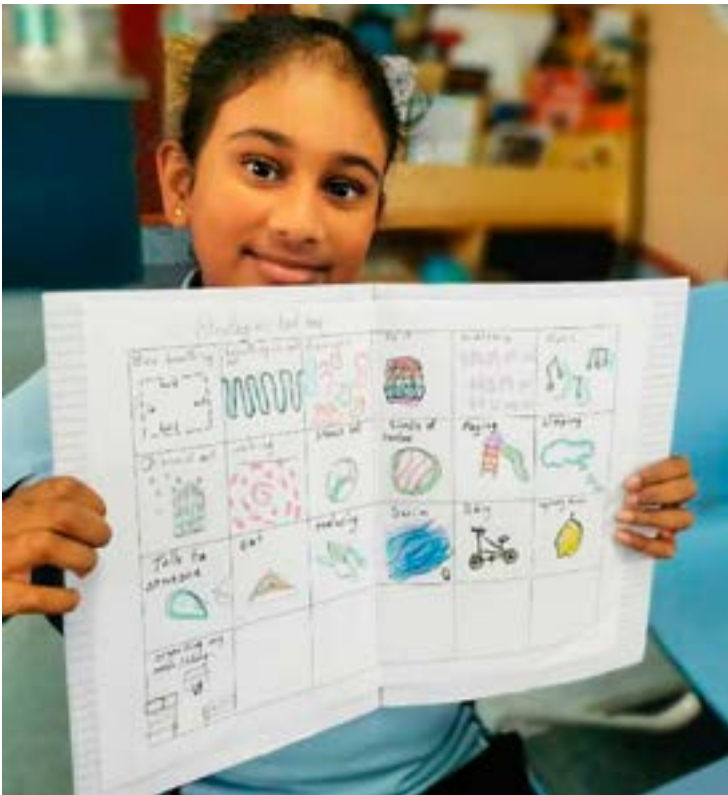
The framework is "quite special", principal Emalene Cull said, and has garnered interest from the *Education Gazette* and the New Zealand Principals' Federation magazine.

"It's brilliant because it's confidence building, and it's honouring and teaching the whole child, not just academically," she said.

"It's beautiful seeing our kids showing empathy and being optimistic and resilient, which are the skills and the qualities that are going to set them up for life, not just for when they're at St. Joseph's."

The framework, which is fully integrated into the school's formal learning processes, focuses on empowering students to recognise and manage their own social and emotional needs.

"Unless we have got the social and emotional wellbeing in check, the process of learning



Emotional and social wellbeing has been built into the curriculum at St Joseph's Catholic School in Paeroa, giving students a "toolbox" of strategies to improve their resilience and manage their emotions. Photos: SUPPLIED

becomes very difficult," Emalene said.

"Through addressing those social and emotional needs, we can lessen the cognitive load, so therefore the working memory can actually do what it needs to do."

Like most literacy programmes, CAL begins with the basics. Year 0-2 students learn the vocabulary for their emotions, how they feel and look for different people,

and explore how feelings are expressed in stories.

For middle-schoolers, the framework introduces neuroscience - the "upstairs and downstairs brain", and the impact emotions have on learning and relationships - and begins developing strategies for self-regulation.

"For our seniors... They're heading into their early adolescence, and so the peer relation-



Emalene said, was developing a "toolbox" of strategies to help students understand what is and isn't within their control.

"They have opportunities for journaling, but for some kids it doesn't work."

"We have one kid who [will] say to his teacher, 'I just need to go for a run', and he'll pop out for a couple of minutes and he'll come back in and be back to [emotionally] even again. So it's kind of knowing the kids as well."

The impact the framework has had on St Joseph's 60 students was substantial, Emalene said.

"We have noticed shifts in our children academically, which we can only put down to that style and flavour of teaching in our school," she said.

"Our achievement data in reading in 2021 was 65 per cent. And then we started our work with social and emotional learning."

Reading achievement has climbed steadily since, Emalene said, reaching 88 per cent in 2024. Emalene noted the figure was closer to 95 per cent when adjusted for an influx of English as Second Language learners during the year.

Now, the school is hoping to use this framework to benefit students elsewhere, with a trial at St Joseph's Catholic School in Te Aroha.

"It's powerful stuff, powerful learning," she said.





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Champion pugilist takes on all comers in Thames



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.

1882
A 'Grand Gladiatorial Athletic Entertainment' was staged at Thames' Academy of Music to full houses where the world's champion pugilist, Jem Mace, took on all comers.

But much to his consternation a local man came forward and took him on, defeating him by knocking him out. The proceedings then ended in something like a mild riot.

At Kirikiri a new hotel built to the order of proprietor Hori Matene was opened.

Hori was his own architect, drawing up the plans and actively assisting in erecting the building.

The hotel, which was exactly opposite the old one, was exceedingly well constructed, containing 14 good sized rooms, and was admirably finished and furnished. A sumptuous repast was laid in the dining room and toasts were drunk to the hotel's success.



Speeches were made but an attending reporter was so hungry he forgot to take notes.

A football match was played by a team of 12 from Kirikiri and 15 from Parawai, while a number of ladies enjoyed themselves immensely in a game, the identity of which no one knew.

One gentleman thought it

was football minus the ball; whatever it was, it caused a good deal of merriment among the players and bystanders.

Meanwhile, Mr Bradley who ran a coach service had to stop the run to Paeroa.

He had excellent horses, light coaches, and good drivers, but Kenny's swamp regularly foiled him. It was a peculiar place,

and when a horse put his hoof in, it was a matter of great uncertainty as to whether he would ever lift it out again.

The coach ran to Hikutaia as usual but a lady passenger bitterly complained of the state of the road in some parts.

If it had not been for the prompt help of another passenger she would at one time have been thrown right out of the vehicle, so deep was the rut the wheel had got into.

Mr Bagnall had charge of this part of the County, and she was of the opinion that he ought to be ashamed of himself for letting it remain so neglected to the serious inconvenience and danger of ladies who like herself could not bear to travel in a stuffy old steamer while there was a coach to be had.

Over at Waitekauri a graceful act of kindness was performed when about a dozen of Thomas Gordon's old mates and neighbours from Owharoa and Waitekauri gathered at his place with tools, and planted his garden (about half an acre) in potatoes and oats, and put it in good order for the coming season.

Mr Gordon had the misfortune to have his leg broken after being kicked by a cow and was in Thames Hospital, where he was getting on as well as could be expected; but it would be some weeks before he would be up and about again.

Chris' Quiz

1. Kevin, Stuart and Bob are the three most prominent of which group of computer animated movie characters?
2. Iberian Air is the national airline of which country?
3. Inigo Montoya is a character from which book and film?
4. How many enemy aircraft must a military pilot shoot down to be given the title of 'Flying Ace'? a) 2, b) 5, or c) 10?
5. The first Paddington Bear toy was created in 1972 by Shirley and Eddie Clarkson, who are also known as the parents of which well known British TV presenter?
6. Have the Summer Olympics ever been held in Amsterdam, Netherlands?
7. Which of these vegetable plants is 'nitrogen fixing' (able to fix nitrogen from the air into the soil)? a) Basil, b) carrots, or c) peas?
8. On which planet is one day (one rotation) longer than one year (a full orbit around the sun)? a) Mercury, b) Neptune, or c) Venus?
9. Which of the following is a real bird, and the official state bird of the US Virgin Islands? a) Bananahalt, b) bananaquit, or c) bananastop?
10. Which island nation banned chewing gum in 1992, where it is still illegal to this day?



ANSWERS: 1. Minions (from the Despicable Me movie franchise); 2. Spain; 3. The Princess Bride; 4. b) 5; 5. Jeremy Clarkson; 6. Yes (in 1928); 7. c) Peas; 8. c) Venus; A Venusian day is 117 Earth-days long, compared to a year which is 225 Earth-days long; 9. b) Bananaquit; 10. Singapore.

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Adams retains Top 10 spot in mayoral poll

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

Hauraki District Council Mayor Toby Adams is “extremely happy” to have secured seventh place for the second consecutive time in a nationwide poll assessing local government leaders.

The poll was conducted by Curia Market Research for the NZ Taxpayers’ Union, and was conducted in a series of random monthly polls of 15,000 adult New Zealanders.

It asked the question: ‘How do you rate the job your local Mayor has done since the last election? Has it been very poor, poor, average, good or very good?’

Forty per cent of respondents from Hauraki said Mayor Adams had done a good job, placing him at number seven - within the top 10 - of Mayors nationwide.

“Staying seventh means that I’m consistent, which is all I can ever ask for,” he told *The Profile*. “It just reaffirms that I am doing the right things day to day.”

With the local body elections coming up in October, Mayor Adams - who is vying for a third term - said the timing of the results reaffirmed his efforts to be “as good as I can for as many people as I can,” despite what could often be a thankless task.

“There’s only so long you can read negative comments or have



people swearing at you on the main street, or just calling you out, encroaching on your private space... It’s always going to happen, and at some point, it’ll annoy you or get to you.

“But we’re lucky because we’ve always had really good support from council. We always look out for each other.

“So, while [the poll] singles myself out as the Mayor being in the top, there’s an amazing team that I get to work with - the elected members, plus the staff at council - that help you get to that position.

“While it names one person,” he said, “it’s certainly not a single accolade for one person.”

Thames-Coromandel District Council Mayor Len Salt was also listed in the Taxpayers’ Union Curia Poll, coming in at number 20, with 30 per cent of respondents ranking his performance as

good.

Waikato District Council Mayor Jacqui Church was ranked 29th, with 23 per cent of her respondents responding positively.

Matamata-Piako District Mayor Adrienne Wilcock was ranked fifth in the poll. While 37 per cent of respondents said she’d done a good job since the last election, just seven per cent said she’d done a ‘poor’ job.

The 10 least popular Mayors were: Gary Petley, South Waikato; Vince Cocurullo, Whangarei; Tory Whanau, Wellington; Wayne Guppy, Upper Hutt; James Denyer, Western Bay of Plenty; Ben Bell, Gore; Janet Holborow, Kapiti; Nobby Clark, Invercargill; Andrew Tripe, Whanganui; and Jamie Cleine, Buller.



Pay bump for council boss

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

The chief executive of Thames-Coromandel District Council has received a 1.8 per cent pay rise, with the committee responsible praising her “strong leadership” during what they said was a particularly challenging year.

Aileen Lawrie has served as the council’s chief executive since August, 2022, following 12 years in the same role at Opōtiki District Council. Before Opōtiki, she was employed by Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Environment Canterbury.

With the 1.8 per cent adjustment, Ms Lawrie’s annual salary has increased from \$362,500 to \$369,025.

Chair of the Chief Executive Committee for Thames-Coromandel District Council, John Morrissey, said Ms Lawrie had excelled in most of her Key Performance Indicators for 2024-25, and the pay increase reflected her strong leadership.

“We give the pay review to a company called Strategic Pay, who are an organisation that looks at CEO’s pay rises,” councillor Morrissey told *The Profile*.

“They compare various organisations with similar numbers of staff, similar sizes, and come up with a figure, and the average in the market was 1.8 per cent, so that’s how we got the 1.8 per cent increase for Aileen.”

Cr Morrissey said the pay rise was “standard procedure for any organisational business,” and the review was conducted as part of an annual assessment of the chief executive’s performance



Aileen Lawrie. File Photo/KELLEY TANTAU

and salary.

He said the council was “lucky to have her”.

“Aileen is one of New Zealand’s most experienced local government leaders, and her expertise has been invaluable to the council throughout her tenure, especially during the last 12 months as we’ve navigated a myriad of changes and recovery work.

“Her leadership has delivered positive outcomes for our community amidst significant challenges.”

Cr Morrissey said Ms Lawrie had successfully managed major projects driven by central government initiatives, including water reforms, resource management changes, rating reviews, and Cyclone Gabrielle recovery efforts.

“I enjoy working with Aileen, we have a good relationship, and I’m very impressed with her contacts in the local government sector,” he said. “She’s held in high regard everywhere I’ve been.”



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Unexpected \$300k bill for water works

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

Some Hauraki District Council councillors voiced their disappointment over an unexpected budget cost at the July 30 general council meeting.

The discussion was sparked over an agenda item looking at the council's ongoing backflow prevention programme for water connections.

The council is legally required to ensure its drinking water supply is kept free from contamination, and has been working to install backflow prevention devices at the point of supply to properties, with its priority being high-risk properties.

There are currently 60 council-owned properties and 119 commercial and industrial properties without backflow devices, which have been classed as high-risk.

It will cost \$300,000 to install compliant devices at the 60 council-owned properties, a figure which was unbudgeted for in the long-term plan.

The council will also need to put aside funds for a regular device testing programme, to become compliant with the Water Services Authority rules and regulations.

"This is a prime example of... yet again, an unfunded mandate from central government," Mayor Toby Adams told the meeting.

"This is now the eighth test that we do on the water to ensure that it's up to traditional water standards. It's a require-



It will cost Hauraki ratepayers \$300,000 to install complaint water connection devices. File Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

ment that's been put on us, and [it] doesn't matter which way we do it, we're still going to look like the bad guys, but there is a public good."

However, Councillor Ray Broad said the legal requirement for backflow prevention was not a new thing, and questioned why the cost was only being discussed now.

"We're three weeks into a new financial year and get slammed with something like this when

we're being told to be more efficient," he said.

"It's something that's been worked on for a while, we've been doing it for the last 12 months and it's been completely missed out of the budget."

Mayor Adams said the work hadn't yet been done to determine costs at the time the budget was being developed.

For private properties, councillors considered whether land-owners should shoulder the full

cost of device installation. Service delivery manager Adrian de Laborde said the council was allowed to charge property owners for device installation, but would still be on the hook to ensure compliance.

"If a property owner doesn't comply, the council gets a penalty for non-compliance, not the property owner," he said.

Deputy Mayor Paul Milner said it would be fair to put some of those costs back on the public,

as the ones benefitting from the programme.

"The farmer doesn't benefit from putting the backflows on... the people that are drinking water should be paying, not the whole cost but they should be paying."

A further 570 farms and rural properties with high water usage had unknown backflow risk profiles and required further investigation, the report said.

Councillors resolved to approve the \$300,000 cost to install the backflow devices at council-owned properties, but deferred a decision on testing costs and potential costs to property owners, pending further discussion and investigation into the issue.

Meanwhile, councillors approved a recommendation to refurbish an unused Exeloo toilet block and install it at Waihi's Morgan Park, at a cost of around \$131,000. The toilet block was originally intended to be installed at Kaihere, and later at Patetonga; but these plans were scrapped due to a lack of NZ Transport Authority approval and changing tourism needs post-Covid-19.

Councillor Anne-Marie Spicer said there was a need for a toilet block at the busy Morgan Park site.

The council had some funds set aside for toilet facilities at the site but was \$81,750 short. Councillors approved the extra funds.





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Kaiaua’s community hall still cooking

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

The committee behind a community hall that has been well-used in Kaiaua since the 1950s has completed a kitchen upgrade, a project that helps preserve the building’s future at a time when similar rural venues face closure.

The Kaiaua Bowling and Community Centre on Lipscombe Rd has a history spanning back to 1955, when Jock Lipscombe convened a meeting at his home to propose the forming of a bowling club in the coastal town.

The Kaiaua Bowling Club was incorporated the following year, dissolving in 2000 and making way for an incorporated entity in 2004.

Vicki Johnstone, treasurer for what is now the Kaiaua Bowling and Community Centre committee, told *The Profile* the hall’s recent kitchen upgrade was proof that community spirit could “still achieve great things” - even during a time when financial pressures on both local and regional public funds were forcing some local halls to close or sell.

“Thanks to a combination of determination, teamwork, and generous support, the centre is continuing to thrive as a hub for the village and wider community,” she said.

“This latest project follows the earlier replacement of the building’s original single-glazed wooden joinery with modern, double-glazed aluminium joinery.

“Both projects were made possible through substantial financial support from the Aotearoa Gam-



ing Trust, whose grants of \$19,000 for the joinery and \$29,000 for the new kitchen have helped secure a bright future for the centre.”

Kaiaua is bucking the trend of some community halls falling into disrepair across the Hauraki district. In late-2024, the local council voted to rezone the land under the Pātetonga and Kopuarahi halls from Active Reserve to Rural, to facilitate their sales.

Both halls faced similar problems: the cost of repairing the buildings was prohibitive, little-to-no funding was available, and interest in the halls had waned significantly in the wake of Covid-19.

In Kaiaua, Vicki said funding

from the gaming trust and another local organisation, Kaiaua Community Projects, together with a local rating levy and the groups who regularly hired the venue, helped ensure vital upgrades and ongoing maintenance were possible.

“The community supports us by using the facility, and we try to keep the hire rates on the lower side to make it affordable to everyone,” she said.

“They also support us by having a rating levy included in their Hauraki District Council rates which the council collects on our behalf.

“Now, at the end of each rating year we apply for these funds to be

transferred to us and it is used to cover insurance costs, other general running costs, with any surplus going towards the major projects.”

Vicki said the centre was used on a regular basis for indoor bowls, boxfit classes, a craft group, club meetings, tangi and family events, among other activities.

With two major projects under their belts, there were still a couple more on their list, she said, and going forward, anyone interested in joining the committee would be welcome. “With most small places, we are few in number and some new faces would be great.”

In Brief

BATTERY DROP-OFF
Western Bay of Plenty District Council has introduced new, fire-safe battery collection units at its library in Waihi Beach. Designed for small-to-medium-sized household batteries, the units can take common household batteries, including alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V), lithium (coin and cylindrical), rechargeable NiCd and NiMH, button/coin cells, and other rechargeable types typically found in devices like cameras and small power tools. Car batteries (lead-acid), large industrial batteries, or damaged Lithium batteries are not accepted.

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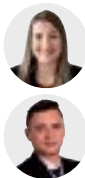
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Holiday programme a real gem

In the July school holidays, Thames School of Mines once again had the education space buzzing with creativity, laughter and hands-on learning. They kicked things off with decorating stones with nature inspired patterns, followed by the creation of mini mining villages. In the second week, tamariki explored fossil formation and the region's volcanic history. They made their own shell fossils and teamed up to build the biggest, most explosive volcano - helped along by maybe a little too much dishwashing liquid. The final day saw a line going out the door before the holiday programme even opened, for the most anticipated mini gem tree activity. Tamariki chose their favourite gem set and expressed their unique creativity.



Anticipation builds as the group realises they may have added a little too much bubble mixture.



The group creates nature patterns on stones.

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Gesham shows off his gem tree.



Charlie with grandparents Glenn, Paul.



Trying to make the largest volcano.

Track repair confirmed for Waimata Gemstone Bay

Walking access to one of Coromandel's most picturesque bays is set to be restored, with DOC confirming it will repair the track to Waimata Gemstone Bay.

Tracks to Gemstone and Stingray bays were damaged in the same 2023 extreme weather events which resulted in the closure of walking access to Mautohe Cathedral Cove.

DOC Coromandel operations manager Nick Kelly said the repair project will re-route the existing track with a new 40m section constructed in time for the summer visitor season.

The new route will take visitors away from a slip risk area and will be safer to construct. It will require some vegetation removal and the construction of box steps in places. The track will be gravel with wooden edging and connect with existing access stairs. The reinstatement option also means there's no need

for geotechnical stabilisation.

Nick cautioned Waimata Gemstone Bay and the track were still prone to coastal erosion, but the choice of a low complexity option means future repairs were likely to be cheaper and quicker.

"Reinstating the Waimata Gemstone Bay track will restore land access to a popular snorkelling destination within Te Whanganui-O-Hei Marine Reserve," he said.

Investigations into reinstating walking access to nearby Te Karaka Stingray Bay, have highlighted significant difficulties, costs and visitor risks, he said. Other considerations are the cost to maintain hard infrastructure at the site and the long-term sustainability of having a track to the site.

"Unfortunately, this means walking access to Stingray Bay will not be reinstated.

"Geotechnical advice confirms the cliffs surrounding the beach are highly unstable."

Access will soon be restored to Waimata Gemstone Bay.
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Seagull grant applications open

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

Applications are open for the Seagull Centre's annual community grants.

The Seagull Centre Charitable Trust has up to \$40,000 available this year for community projects.

Successful projects will do one of the following: create opportunities for locals to engage in local environmental issues; develop community resilience through sustainable living practices, food security and education, practice kaitiakitanga (environmental guardianship); or focus on the "rethink, refuse, reduce, repair, reuse, recycle" cycle.

In addition, projects must incorporate at least one of the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals, which include things like clean water and sanitation; sustainable communities; and the responsible and sustainable consumption of products.

Trust chair Ian Coatsworth said he was particularly interested in projects aimed at children.

"One of my particular and other trustees' interests is that we make money available for younger people to try and get them interested in the environment," he said.

"[We want to] either find younger people that want to get some plans together around our objectives there, or to get an interest in schools."

Half of the available funds will go towards multiple smaller projects, with the other \$20,000 being split among larger projects.

"This year what we've decided is there are a few projects that are probably deserving of more money... [we will] analyse the requests and see if there are some that do need more and it would make rolling their projects out so much easier."

Applicants have until August 29 to apply through the Seagull Centre's website.

"Don't hold back. It's a very quick application process - just get on to us and tell us what you're doing and we'll see if it fits."

The centre is also looking for new trustees, Ian said, and he is eager to hear from anyone with an interest in business management or sustainability.

DETAILS: Visit www.seagullcentre.co.nz/community-grants to apply for a grant, or contact Ian Coatsworth on 027 274 9956 to find out more about the trust.



Elaine Lally, left, and Margaret Ramshaw are preparing for their annual Daffodil Day fundraiser. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

Yellow blooms to feature in fundraiser

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

It's daffodil season, and as the brilliant yellow blossoms begin peeking out from paddocks and gardens, preparations are also underway for the annual Daffodil Day Luncheon at the Paeroa RSA.

The August 25 event will feature raffles, spot prizes, a catered meal from Lizzie's Kitchen, and curated music from RSA member Ron Ogle.

Tickets are now available at Addictions Gift Shop on Normanby Rd.

Last year the luncheon organisers raised \$4000 for the Cancer Society, with the event proceeds supplemented by sales of daffodil bunches and tomato plants.

However, volunteers Elaine La-

lly and Margaret Ramshaw said they might have difficulty matching last year's efforts.

"The weather is hampering our supply of daffodils this year," they said. "The wind's done damage, and the rain. But we can only do what we can do, we can't plan the weather."

Any offers of donated daffodils would be gratefully received, they said.

Meanwhile, there are also other ways for people to get involved with supporting cancer sufferers.

Volunteers are being sought for two-hour shifts for the Cancer Society's annual street appeal, and a support group meets at the St John Hall in Paeroa on the second Thursday of every month.

Elaine and Margaret hoped the

people of Paeroa would show their support for the cause.

"There's probably not many families that haven't been affected by cancer, really," Elaine said.

"Yeah, your life's going along fine, then all of a sudden - boom," Margaret added.

DETAILS: Daffodil Day Luncheon, August 25, 11am at the Paeroa RSA. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Addictions Gift Shop, Normanby Rd. To donate daffodils, contact Elaine on 022 465 9161. Volunteer for Street Appeal, contact Kath Wilson on 021 132 9095. The support group meets second Thursday of month, 10.30am-12pm at the St John Hall, 31 Belmont Rd.



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Rural Life

A call to raise moo-lah for Hauraki rowers

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

While the Hauraki Rowing Club is no stranger to “batting outside of our crease” when it comes to the sport they are passionate about - the need for financial support remains. That’s why the group of rowers have put the call out to their farming community across the district to support their club through a new fundraising initiative: a bull calf fundraiser.

Hauraki Rowing Club acting president Megan Webster was involved with a similar fundraiser at a local school where she saw how effective it was, so took the idea to the club.

It was something the Hauraki farming community could do to help the kids, she told *The Profile*.

Anything that could help the club move forward and get the kids on the water was fantastic, she said.

“Our club desperately obviously needs the funds to keep running. It’s pretty much run by volunteers,” she said.

The best way to put it was that the club “runs on the smell of an oily rag”, she said.

While they had a number of sponsors who helped with services throughout the year or provided money, Megan said the club generally needed to raise between \$20,000 to \$30,000 per annum to keep the club running and to keep



The Hauraki Rowing Club is seeking support for the club through their Bull Calf Fundraiser. Photo: SUPPLIED

fees as low as possible.

“For our kids to be competitive, it doesn’t mean they need all the state-of-the-art equipment or facilities. They just need to have a functioning facility and functioning equipment.”

How the fundraiser works is that people are asked to confirm their bull calf donation and then proceed to rear the calf

until it is a minimum of 100 kilograms. The calf collection will take place in late October, when volunteers from the club will pick up calves from each donor and take them back to one property, where a livestock agent will go and view them.

From there, the bull calves will go to the sale yard where they will be sold to new farmers.

The club also had the support of stock agent Northern Livestock, who would do the sales commission-free, which added to the profit that would go back to the club, Megan said.

“It is a group effort. It’s not just one person. There’s a lot of farming families that get together to make this happen.”

There will also be a prize for the heaviest of each breed, prizes

are still being decided upon.

Megan said the committee was currently planning more fundraising ideas such as a rowing machine erg-athon, sweetcorn sales and sausage sizzles.

Her passion and commitment to the sport of rowing is part of her family’s heritage.

Not only do her sons row, but she and husband Michael, who is currently a coach at the club, used to row. In addition, Megan’s father-in-law, Richard Webster, a Hauraki Rowing Club patron, used to coach for New Zealand in rowing, and won bronze at the Olympics in 1984. “So we have a strong rowing family history,” she said, which was why she was keen to support the sport.

“I’m trying to get as many kids into it because, A, I love the sport, and B, I just think it promotes just such good life skills within the kids themselves.”

Even after a hard training session, Megan said the kids would come off the water with a smile on their faces.

“It’s a nice thing to see.”

DETAILS: To register a donation to the Hauraki Rowing Club Bull Calf Fundraiser - send a text with: Bull Calf Fundraiser and your name to 027 300 9710. Contributions can be made until the date of pick up, which will be around the end of October to the beginning of November.

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Rural Life

Progress made in mangrove removal

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

Hauraki Youth Search and Rescue volunteers were recently called upon to help some shorebirds by joining the Pukorokoro Shorebird Centre in removing mangrove seedlings from prime bird habitat at the mouth of the Piako River.

Centre manager Keith Woodley said the site was where farmland flooded when a stop-bank breached during a storm in January, 2018.

“It has since become, with the help of Waikato Regional Council, one of the most important shorebird habitats on ‘Tikapa Moana Firth of Thames,’ he said.

Shorebirds roosting during high tide needed a clear field of vision to feel safe, so mangrove encroachment posed a serious threat, Keith said.

But mangrove incursion into the new roost at Piako was not unexpected.

“Waikato Regional Council were aware that ongoing management to keep the area clear would be required. But it was envisaged this would merely involve the periodic removal of the odd seedling that crept in through the flood control infrastructure.

“What was not expected was the massive influx of thousands of propagules that occurred over summer.”

A combination of circum-



A Youth Search and Rescue volunteer helps remove mangrove seedlings. Photo: MIA LANGLOTZ

stances lay behind this, Keith said. A huge mangrove seeding event, followed by a king tide, exposed a “slight design flaw” in the flood protection infrastructure.

“The outlet control was built with a floating screen that would rise and fall with the tides and prevent most mangrove propagules getting in.

“The screen was designed to rise as far as predicted water levels.

“However, it was found that the entire structure had settled slightly lower than expected, so the height limit of the floating screen was not quite sufficient to prevent the incursion.”

The result was prodigious numbers of mangrove seedlings

established in the roost area, he said.

“Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists’ Trust had agreed with the council that we would assist where we could in managing the area, and a working bee in late July set out to do just that.

“Dirk de Jong mobilised his Youth Search and Rescue (YSAR) team to spend a morn-

ing removing seedlings. To a chorus of stilts, perhaps yapping in approval, and beneath a flyover of several dozen Royal Spoonbills, great progress was made in clearing extensive areas, although there is still more to be done.”





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Start strong, stay strong - how we start matters

OPINION

By MICHAEL WILKES



How we start often, not always, but often has a direct effect on how we finish. It's simple maths, right?

One time I was joining into a mountain bike race for fun with mates. But then I looked at the 'hardcores' up front and thought, yeah, I can stay with them. Delusions of grandeur. So, I angled my way to the front, determined to

keep up with the best... only problem - I wasn't a 'hardcore athlete'. I stayed with them for about 8km of the 42km race.

Then I gassed out, struggled the rest of the way, had no friends to ride with, and worst still, I had the tools. So, an hour or so after I crossed the finish line, my poor mate came across with a broken chain. It happened near the beginning, and he had to run every up hill and hope for the downs to carry him through.

How we start matters.

Yesterday I was chatting with a

friend who's struggled with routine and motivation for years.

She'd often drag herself out of bed last minute, then spend the day just trying to keep up. And I've been there too - when your day starts messy, it feels like you're chasing your tail right to the finish line.

But we started talking about rhythms - about how the way you start your day sets the tone for everything that follows.

She shared how she and her husband (yep, no kids yet - we joked about that) have started a

solid morning rhythm. Nothing fancy. Just two hours of chilled but intentional time before the day kicks off.

And here's the thing: even the hard days are easier now.

Not because life magically got simpler, but because they're starting strong.

See, when we're disciplined in what we can control, we build strength for the things we can't. It creates a kind of inner anchor.

Discipline isn't about perfection - it's about showing up consistently so we're not tossed around

by every demand or drama.

So what about you?

What's your rhythm look like?

And what would change if you started your days from a place of calm, rather than chaos?

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Prioritise health and wellbeing

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

To live well in a region as lively and eclectic as the Hauraki-Coromandel, we must prioritise our health and wellbeing.

That's why *The Valley Profile's* monthly Health and Wellbeing feature is a dedicated space designed to connect our community with local resources that support living healthier, more balanced lives.

In today's fast-paced world, taking care of our mental, physical and emotional wellbeing has never been more important, and this feature is here to make it easier for you to find the support and inspiration you need.

Each month, this feature will spotlight a variety of local businesses, services and organisations that are making a difference in our communities.

Whether you're wanting to find local health and wellness services, a chiropractor, contact care practitioners, a hair salon and more - the Health and Wellbeing feature will point you in the right direction.

While there's no one-size-fits-all approach to wellbeing, everyone deserves access to resources that support their unique journey.

So whether you're taking the first step or continuing down your wellness path, we hope this feature becomes your monthly go to guide for living well, right here in the Hauraki-Coromandel.

DETAILS: To find out more and to join the Health and Wellbeing feature, call David-da on 022 174 3988 or email: Davidda@valleyprofile.co.nz.



Pick up the phone during busy time

With all of the winter illnesses upon us, it seems a fitting time to revisit the phone triage process.

It is important to reiterate that everyone should utilize the phone service for on-the-day care. We will always have same day appointments available that are allocated appropriately by the clinician who is running the phone triage on any given day.

Please phone at the call centre on 07 867 7521 to share a brief account of symptoms, and leave the correct cellphone number to call you back on. We ask for you to please be available to take the call, it may present as a private number.

We are currently in the midst of a busy time so please be aware that there may be a two to three week wait for service such as: medical reviews, off work certificates and extensions, and drivers licence renewals.


If you know that you will require an appointment for these planned consults, please make the time to organise them in advance so we can make them happen in a timely manner.

In conclusion, if you are sick on the day, please use the phone triage process rather than walk in. A plan will be made for you to be seen the same day if it is the best way to manage your unwellness.

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FOOTBALL

Resurgent Thames strike late to defeat Northern United

In a combative clash at Rhodes Park, Thames Men FC came from behind to defeat high-flying Northern United Humblebees 3-1, securing their third win in four matches.

For the second week running, Thames made a sluggish start, allowing Northern United to take early control. Sloppy passing gifted half-chances to Zander Bezuidenhout and Archie Tombleson, but goalkeeper Mathew Burchell stood firm, keeping the visitors at bay with his trademark safe hands.

The Thames goal was breached after 15 minutes when a floated corner found the unmarked Calum Barr, who rose highest at the back post to head home for a deserved 1-0 lead.

Northern United came close to doubling their lead a few minutes later - a misjudgment let Barr in again, but Burchell was quick off his line and made a vital save.

After a rocky opening, Thames gradually settled and began creating chances of their own. Riyan Rattan picked out Michael Sogo with a searching pass, but his effort was fired straight at Finn McPherson in the Northern United goal.

Sogo threatened again moments later, turning sharply on the left before driving a low shot that forced a smart reflex save.

The second half told a different story, as Thames raised their intensity and pushed forward with more purpose. Their persistence paid off when Rattan slipped a precise pass to Troy Costello, who



German Rodriguez Estefan clears the ball.

brilliantly flicked the ball into the path of Michael Kim.

Thames' top scorer cut inside before rifling a left-footed shot into the corner - a fine equaliser.

Sensing their opponents were tiring on the soft energy-sapping surface, Thames kept up the pressure.

Sogo embarked on one of his weaving runs down the left, and

his low cross caused havoc. The ball eventually fell to Ben Taylor on the edge of the box, but his shot flew just over. A flurry of corners followed, and Northern United's resistance finally broke in the 80th minute. A spilled Sam Cox free kick dropped kindly for Xavier Brown, who reacted quickest to smash home his second of the season and put Thames in front.

With time running out, Northern United committed numbers forward in search of an equaliser - leaving themselves exposed. Thames took full advantage, and another maze-like Sogo run proved decisive.

The winger waltzed into the box and was clumsily brought down, leaving the referee no choice but to point to the spot.

Trusty Taylor stepped up and calmly converted the penalty, sealing a hard-fought 3-1 win.

"We came back strong from a poor first half," captain Keegan Apperley said.

"Great to capitalise on United's tired legs and put the game to bed with some excellent goals.

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Mark Caleb Tehoaki shapes to cross.



Xavier Brown scores to put Thames ahead.

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WAIHĪ REFUSE CENTRE
Regarding the Waihi refuse centre, the council have screwed the pooch on this one. The cues of cars in summer are going to be out on the main road. If I have recycling and rubbish I now have to go around the whole tip twice. Wait my turn on the weighbridges three times. Because of the way it has been set up, once we have dropped your recycling we have to wait in the queue to go across the weighbridge which leads out of the tip. Then we have to do a u turn (on the road) to get back into the tip (fight our way back into the queue of cars while holding up the traffic behind us wanting to leave). Once back into the queue of cars we sit and wait our turn to weigh. Then we go up around to the tipping area, finish the job then get back into a cue to leave through the out weighbridge. We are a rural community, a lot of us have recycling and just want to off load and go. It would take 10 mins before they changed to the new system. Now the system has stalled to allow one car on the weighbridge at a time to leave. The weight bridges have a touch screen panel which for most people will be complicated. People tipping the rubbish if not

a contractor will forget how it all works the next time they go so now ratepayers will be paying not only for the new weigh bridges but for both bridges to be staffed for help. Just like the supermarkets have staff to help people with their scanning checkouts. There is no shelter for the staff at the weigh bridges during rain and the hot summers. What happens during their lunch when the staff are up in the top area having lunch. The traffic will keep coming. There are two weigh bridges needing staff to help people navigate a system they are not familiar with. The elderly and those not knowing what to do will get flustered at the touch screen because now they are holding up the whole refuse centre traffic. The new area for recycling is so bad only two maybe three cars can use it at a time while the other cars wanting to use the recycling area hold up the traffic trying to get around the top. The top area, which was the recycling area, is about 80 square metres, and is now used for staff parking. This is just insane. The council has cut the usable space. The inwards weigh bridge is on the wrong side of the road. Those wanting to recycle only, now have to criss-cross the road with those going to straight tip. To really understand the mess this is, I im-

plore you or a friend to hitch up a trailer, put some recycling and normal rubbish on and go and test the centre yourselves. Imagine the tip when holiday makers are down at Waihi, Waihi Beach and Athenree. I am a local contractor and a lot of days, mainly the weekends, the traffic can be mayhem down there, but, at least it flowed. Now it will stop. Holiday time will be a nightmare. I feel sorry for the staff as they will get the abuse. The Waihi refuse centre is not fit for purpose considering the size of the population which explodes in summer. - Paul Goodwin

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE
Thank you for the opportunity to address these concerns. We acknowledge that space is at a premium on this site, so there are more plans in the works to help mitigate this. Some fine tuning has already occurred since the site reopened on July 16, namely, all traffic will follow one lane and go over the in and out weighbridges. The decision to install two weighbridges was driven by Ministry for the Environment (MfE) legislative requirements regarding data reporting and to offer consistent pricing to our rate payers. The Ministry requires reporting on volumes for: construction and

demolition waste, kerbside rubbish, dropped-off rubbish (at the transfer station), heavy industrial waste, industrial waste, organics (green waste and food scraps) recycling (weights for plastics, rubber, tin, aluminium, paper and cardboard, soft plastics, LPB and glass) and any other recycling that HDC accepts such as white-ware, hazardous goods, etc. The previous volume based system at Waihi was not accurate enough to meet legislative reporting requirements. The next phase will be to move all the free of charge recycling off site, (except scrap steel), to a new location in Dean Crescent. External funding is being sourced. This change will mitigate traffic and pedestrian conflict at the Refuse Transfer Station (RTS). Location of weighbridges: We had to consider a number of risks on site to determine the best location of the weighbridges. These included health and safety, geotechnical conditions, existing infrastructure and cost, including alternatives to the current site. Staff shelter: A guardhouse was installed, next to the in-weighbridge to serve as staff shelter for the lower section of the transfer station. This location was chosen specifically for staff to have visibility on the In as well as the Out weighbridge and scrap steel recycling.

Operations: For two years now, the Paeroa RTS has been operating with the same weighbridges and associated software. We have found that around 80 per cent of the people can operate the weighbridges without any assistance. Thus, prior to implementing the weighbridges in Waihi, we tested and verified how this system improves operations and simultaneously improves reporting to meet MfE requirements. It also frees up staff to assist our elderly customers to off load rubbish and to educate our users to improve recycling and divert unnecessary waste from landfill. We are confident that our users will quickly learn how to use the new system and be able to enjoy the visits to the transfer station, as we've seen at Paeroa RTS. Waihi depot: Also, to reduce operating costs, the Waihi depot for our outdoor team is closing, and the team is being re-sited to the RTS, incorporating the current on-site office. These changes to the site will ultimately improve efficiency, support compliance legislation and reduce operational costs. We'll keep you posted on progress. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work through these changes to improve your waste disposal experience.

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New trailer to lighten the load for Brass Band

A \$5000 New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) grant has been awarded to the Kerepehi Brass Band for the purchase of a new enclosed trailer to safely transport their instruments and equipment to events, helping the band reach more audiences across the region.

Secretary Fiona McGregor-Tate said Kerepehi Brass was passionate about sharing the joy of brass music but transporting large instruments and gear across a wide area had been a real challenge. “With this trailer, we can bring our music to more communities, including those in rural areas, and include a wider range of instruments in our performances,” she said.

President and BB bass player Luke van Vliet said the grant would allow the band to extend its reach.

“This grant will allow us to... perform more frequently and include a wider range of instruments in our concerts,” he said.

“We’re especially grateful to now be able to bring our music around rural communities that previously would have been difficult to access. It’s a real step forward for the community we serve, and I’m thrilled to bits.”

Baritone Heather O’Hagan said: “It will be great to have the trailer to trans-



A new trailer will enable the Kerepehi Brass Band to bring its music to more communities. File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

port the increasing number of instruments and equipment and will lighten my load immensely - especially when I have to give Rowan, one of our more senior members, a ride with his big bass and walking frame.”

Elizabeth Pope, tenor horn, said organising transport had been a juggle. “Things get squashed into cars or we

leave some gear behind.

“Once the trailer arrives, we’ll be able to take more gear easily. Our performances will look more professional and sound better too.”

NZCT general manager of grants, marketing and communications Ben Hodges said: “We’re delighted to help bring music and joy to communities



The band has more than 50 musicians of all ages and abilities. File Photo: SUPPLIED

across Hauraki and beyond”.

Established in 1946, the Kerepehi Brass Band is a community-focused group of more than 50 musicians of all ages and abilities from the Hauraki Plains. The band includes a main band, junior group, senior social band, and a new drum corps. They perform regularly across the Waikato region at Anzac ceremonies, Christmas carolling, concerts, parades, and other community events, bringing brass music to life and enriching local culture.

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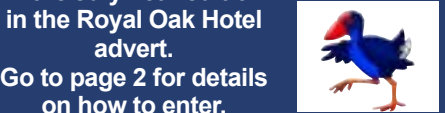
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Youth rugby league kicks off in Ngatea

RUGBY LEAGUE

Youth rugby league is back, and the Ngatea Rugby League Club is gearing up for another exciting season.

A recent muster saw a fantastic turnout, with many tamariki from across the community signing up to play.

Training is already underway, taking place Mondays to Thursdays, with an assortment of start times and finishes for each team.

The club is proud to offer a range of age-group teams this season, including under 5s, 7s, 9s, with enough interest for possibly two teams, as well as under 11s, 13s, and 15s boys.

They're also close to fielding an under 15s girls team – a major step forward for the club and the community.

Ngatea Rugby League (NRL) will once again compete in the Hauraki District Rugby League. The league has expanded this year and now includes nine clubs, with all teams playing at the same venue on game days. The season officially kicks off on Saturday, August 16.

One of the highlights of the season will be the league's three carnival days, where all teams will gather for a festival-style day of rugby league.

Ngatea Domain will host a



A recent muster saw a fantastic turnout, with many tamariki from across the community signing up to play rugby league.

Photo: SUPPLIED

carnival day on Saturday, September 13, featuring teams from Thames, Whangamatā, Mercury Bay, Katikati, Matamata, Tairua, Manaia, Hauraki, Waihi, and others. It's a fantastic day out for the whole family and a great opportunity to support local youth sport.

Now in its second year, the NRL Club continues to grow rapidly, driven by its core philosophy: "Participation before

performance". The club's aim is to create a space where kids can develop valuable life skills through the game they love.

Club president Adam Matete is passionate about the positive impact rugby league has on young people.

"We want to instil values like discipline, teamwork, and perseverance - and most of all, we want our tamariki to build strong relationships while hav-

ing fun," he said. "The smiles on their faces are what it's all about. Watching their growth throughout the season gets me close to tears at times - it's incredibly rewarding."

Matete also encouraged parents to get involved.

"This space just keeps growing, and it's a great environment for kids. Even if you don't have a child playing yet, I highly recommend giving it a

go. League has played a big part in my life, and it's helped shape who I am.

"No matter what team they play for, as long as they're out there, they're gaining something special."

Ngatea Rugby League is calling all young players and whānau to get involved. It's going to be a great season - see you on the field.

By Andrew Connaughton

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59 Unused (3)

60 Sundown (4)

61 Strand (6)

62 Ovum (3)

63 Temptress (10)

66 Vital gas (6)

67 Sporadic (6)

69 Clapped (9)

72 Chewy sweet (6)

73 Asylum (9)

75 Rubbed away (7)

77 Crude (3)

80 Be (5)

81 Speak plainly and bluntly (4,1,5,1,5)

82 Knock over (5)

83 Phonograph stylus (6)

84 Extra work (8)

85 Toy bear (5)

DOWN

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3 Was unwell (5)

5 Hops kiln (4)

6 Female voice (7)

7 Make a difficulty even worse (3,3,6)

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10 Tidings (4)

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12 Estimate (5)

13 Stuck to (7)

14 Rotate (7)

16 Italian attraction (5,2,4)

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48 Conjuror's call (11)

49 Predate (anag)(7)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Harp haven

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The Hikutaia School Hall was alive with the sound of music on July 18, as students and staff took part in an interactive afternoon called Harp Play with Thames harpist Anna Dunwoodie.

Ten harps were spread around the hall for students and teachers to have a tinker and see what it felt like to play the harp, while Anna moved around the room and helped the budding musicians.

Principal Wayne Whitney said the lesson was informative, interactive and unique.

He said he noticed the kid's faces, their excitement and instant satisfaction.

"It was as if they were all transformed into musicians performing on a stage. She made the kids lie down and

close their eyes while she played. I felt like I was transported to the Middle Ages.

"It was calming and relaxing to hear the unique sound of the harp," he said.

The Harp Play visit was funded by the Creative Communities Scheme, which is from Creative New Zealand and managed by Creative Coromandel/ He Mana Toi Moehau Trust, the musician told *The Profile*.

For schools in the Hauraki or Thames-Coromandel Districts interested in having a fully-funded Harp Play visit, the harpist said to get in touch with her.

"While I haven't got any funding lined up at present, the next funding round opens in a few months, and I'm keen to get into more kura."

DETAILS: Email Anna Dunwoodie on harpmad@gmail.com.



Harpist Anna Dunwoodie with Amena, 12, and Mote, 10.



Maia, 11, enjoys the musical afternoon.

Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Mia, 10, makes music with friends.



Tia, 11, picks it up quick.



Jed, 8, finds the note.

Hobnail to debut new album

Three Part is the eighth album from Wellington's Hobnail.

Hobnail is touring New Zealand with its new album by core members Rob Joass (vocals, guitar, mandola) Jo Moir (vocals, violin) and Hamish Graham (vocals, guitars, percussion).

They are live at Kauaeranga Hall on August 9 at 7:30pm to showcase this new album as well as some of their old favourite songs.

"With Jo Moir's barnstorming fiddle, great songs and spectacular harmonies, Hobnail's live show will make your feet move and your heart sing."

Hobnail are an institution.

They have played shows everywhere from Pittsburgh to Paekakariki, New

Plymouth to Norfolk Island, Auckland to Amsterdam, Germany to Gore, the Canadian Prairies to the Canterbury Plains.

They are three-time finalists at the New Zealand Music Awards (Best Folk Album and Best Country Song twice).

Their new album features Hobnail's take on songs by some of their favourite Kiwi and Australian bands and songwriters, including Don McGlashan, Barry Saunders, the Waifs, Nick Cave, and more.

These versions highlight the vocal and instrumental interplay between these three exceptional musicians.

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The Life Of Chuck (110 mins) M. A life-affirming, genre-bending story based on Stephen King's novella about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz.

The House Within (71 mins) Documentary film paints an intimate portrait of the fascinating and often tumultuous life of internationally celebrated New Zealand writer Dame Fiona Kidman.

Kōkō (100 mins) M. Māori elder Hamo and local delinquent Jo form an unlikely bond on a road trip.

Friendship (100 mins) M. Comedy. Men shouldn't have friends! Suburban dad Craig falls hard for his charismatic new neighbour, but his attempts to make an adult male friend threaten to ruin both of their lives.

- Check out the Coming Soon page of our website for films coming up. Next week: *Jane Austen Wrecked My Life*, and *Mr Burton. Andre Rieu: Waltz the Night Away* on sale now too.
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Mortgagee auction - lifestyle block near town

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Proud to perform: new uniforms lift spirits

New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) has awarded a grant of \$15,886 to Paeroa Central School for new kapa haka uniforms, so students can now perform at school, marae, and community events in high-quality cultural uniforms that reflect the pride and mana of their traditions.

Deputy principal Natasha Searancke said, “thanks to this generous grant from NZCT, all our children can now perform their cultural traditions with pride, wearing clean, new uniforms that reflect their identity and heritage”.

The decile one school of just 70 students could not stretch its budget to cover the cost of new kapa haka uniforms and equipment. With many families from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, fundraising within the school community posed a significant challenge.

The uniforms will be a taonga for future generations, remaining with the school as part of its cultural legacy.

Tamariki are excited about the new uniforms: “I’ll feel good in my new kapa haka uniform and perform better”, year 2 student Kupai Williams said.

Fellow student Reiya Williams, year 4, said, “my whānau will be able to watch me in a proper kapa haka uniform and we will look good when we go out and perform”.

For Year 7 student Giovanni Waitai, the new kākahu (uniforms) are a welcome change.

“It will be cool to perform in a new kapa haka uniform and not t-shirts and shorts.”



Paeroa Central School kapa kaka students can now perform in new uniforms.

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Matire Williams, kapa haka tutor, teacher, and Ngāti Tamaterā Iwi member said the students did a lot of performances in the community.

“Having new kapa haka uniforms will help them perform well, feel proud and look great.”

Michelle Williams, presiding

member and parent, said kapa haka uniforms were like “armour”. “When they are worn it gives individuals a sense of pride and mana.

“It’s another avenue for our tamariki to be able to stand proudly to represent the kura, Māori culture and who they are. They’ll also look

good, feel smart, and perform better.”

Parent and Ngāti Tawhaki Hapū member Roxanne Te Moananui, agrees.

“Because our tamariki do so much for community and school I think they deserve to look presentable.”

NZCT general manager of grants, marketing and communications Ben Hodges said it was great to help tamariki strengthen their mana and feel pride for their kura. “Grants like this wouldn’t be possible without the responsible gaming partnership we share with the Paeroa Hotel,” he said.

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