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

When the Paeroa Croquet Club had its first day of play for the season, Hellen McHardy went dressed head to toe not in her sports gear, but in traditional Papua New Guinea attire.

The opening happened to fall on the same day as her homeland’s 50th Independence Day, and while she still played a round of croquet, she also shared her culture with her clubmates.

“I had to wear my traditional clothes to go down to the club and play,” she told *The Profile*. “Everybody said ‘wow’. They kept clapping their hands and they said, ‘we’re going to recognise you, so come and explain’, so I explained it to them.”

Papua New Guinea’s Independence Day is celebrated annually on September 16 to mark its independence from Australia in 1975.

Hellen has lived in Paeroa with her husband Gary since 2003. Together, they own 100% McHardys along the main street, and she hopes one day to bring the Independence Day celebrations to the town.

“One day, this might be just a dream, but one day I would like to bring the culture - just for September 16 - so people in Paeroa can see.”

Originally from Ialibu, a small township in the Southern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea, Hellen

Honouring PNG heritage





Hellen McHardy celebrates Papua New Guinea's Independence Day. LEFT: Hellen on her wedding day in 1998. Photos: SUPPLIED

comes from a village called Pouka. She explained that the country upholds the Wantok system - a cultural value that acts as a

social glue, fostering altruism and community. “You see, in our culture, we have to give back to our community and our people, like my parents. It’s just a specific

way of helping. We call it the Wantok [one talk] system,” she said. “Your community helps you, your family helps you, then when they are in need, you

help them back.” From their home in New Zealand, Hellen and Gary have sponsored the education of three young people in Papua

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Hellen McHardy wore her traditional attire to croquet, impressing her club mates.



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Hellen honours PNG independence

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New Guinea, supporting them through university and into employment.

They also continue to send help back to the village, particularly in times of need, such as when someone dies.

"It's a big, connected culture," Hellen said.

That's why it was important for her to mark the country's 50th Independence Day and why, on September 16, she proudly donned the colours of Papua New Guinea - complete with a headpiece Gary had worn

on their wedding day back in 1998.

"Papua New Guinea's got 800 different languages, and every language comes with different cultural attires," she said.

"For example, Paeroa would have its own language, and the same with Waihi, so it's very hard to communicate with each other.

"I really miss just being up there in Papua New Guinea," she said, "and for Papua New Guinea Independence Day, they not only celebrate it...

"It's more the people come to life."



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Full Moon

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

Sluggish start to local election voting

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

With less than two weeks left until the local body elections, just 15 per cent of Thames-Coromandel voters have returned their ballots to the box.

It's a similar story over in the Hauraki, with no more than 22 per cent of residents in each of the district's three wards casting their votes.

It's a slow start, but Thames Valley's incumbent mayors are hopeful for a late surge as election day draws near.

As of Monday, September 29, voter turnout in Thames-Coromandel had reached just over 15 per cent, with roughly 16 per cent of votes from the Thames ward; 13 per cent from Whangamatā and Mercury Bay; 16 per cent from Coromandel-Colville; and 20 per cent from Tairua-Pāuanui.

The district's Mayor, Len Salt, who is seeking re-election, said the level of returns so far was low and "concerning".

"Not just to me, but to all the candidates and people involved in the election process," he said.

He encouraged voters to research the candidates, and find out if their policies and values aligned "not only with you, but with what is achievable, and what is best for our whole district".

He also said it was "crucial" to engage in the election process through the proper channels. "People will often react to important issues online, and this can be seen in higher levels of social media activity.

"Council often seeks public input, but social media comments aren't counted as official submissions or votes," he said.

"So I encourage voters to en-



It's a slow start, but incumbent mayors are hopeful for a late surge at the ballot box. File Photo: ELECTORAL COMMISSION

gage with the candidates, look at past council meetings, read meeting notes and take a look at the long term and annual plans. See which candidates and values align with what you wish to see for the future of the district, and most importantly, vote."

Meanwhile, in the Hauraki district, roughly 18 per cent of voters had returned their ballots from within the Plains ward; 21 per cent from Paeroa; and 17 per

cent from Waihi.

At the 2022 local body elections, Hauraki had less than half of its eligible voters across the three wards return votes, an average of 40.6 per cent overall.

The Plains ward had a 41.13 per cent return; Paeroa had 41.34 per cent, and Waihi just 39.48 per cent.

Incumbent Mayor Toby Adams, also seeking another term, said voting levels were "cur-

"[Voting] is important across all areas. Your vote really does make a difference and your voice matters."

- Toby Adams

rently tracking about the same as in previous years" but hoped to see a bigger turnout this election.

"There's still time to vote so if you haven't yet, please make sure you do," he said.

"This is not just about Hauraki - it is important across all areas. Your vote really does make a difference and your voice matters."

In 2022, Thames-Coromandel had a slightly more positive result compared to its Hauraki neighbours, with an overall of 51.4 per cent of its eligible voters participating.

DETAILS: Voting for this year's local government elections: September 9 until noon October 11. Progress results are published October 11; preliminary results, October 13 and official results on October 17. More info or to enrol, visit: vote.nz.



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‘Straight-shooter’ plans shake up

As this year’s local elections approach, reporter **KELLEY TANTAU** continues to put the spotlight on the mayoral contenders, and asks why they think they’re fit to wear the chains.

The interview with Thames-Coromandel mayoral contender James Subritzky opens with a discussion on mining. The first-time candidate asks if *The Profile* has been following the posts he’s been putting up on Facebook. The answer is yes.

“Well, I must have struck a raw nerve or two, that’s for sure,” Subritzky says. He’s alluding to a post he shared on a local Coromandel noticeboard earlier that day, which outlines his vision for the district.

“Bring in the miners, let them dig out the gold - \$140 billion worth. A lot of what they dig out gets used to build new seawalls for coastal defence,” he wrote.

“As the miners reclaim land behind them, they create new building platforms and install infrastructure, handing back to the community land ready to build on.”

“Well, hey, it’s just a post,” he says, “and that’s where I stand.”

Subritzky is a self-described “straight shooter” and when asked how he’d tackle a difference of opinion around the council table, he doesn’t mince his words.

“I am very fiery and I don’t back down. So it’s been suggested to me - and I must admit it is probably the best answer - just lock me in the garage [during meetings] and let me tinker with my car,



Thames-Coromandel mayoral contender James Subritzky. Photo: SUPPLIED

I’ll have it all up on a big screen and I’ll be able to hear it and communicate to [elected members], but I just won’t be there in public to slap them on the back of the head.”

Having owned properties in Auckland and Queenstown, Subritzky says Thames is now his home and where he envisions himself long-term.

But his motivation to run for local politics began three decades ago in Australia.

“I met the mayor of the North Sydney, Manly, area, and at the time he had an issue about trees, and I said: ‘Why don’t you simply adopt a one-for-five-for-five

approach?’ He said: ‘What’s that?’ and I said: ‘Well, if a developer needs to knock a tree out, then he has to plant five natives and guarantee them for five years, to allow them to establish themselves’. And it was one way of looking at both sides of the story,” he explains.

“When [the mayor] walked away, I felt so chuffed because just off the top of my head I’d said that, and I just felt like politics or local body politics was something I’d like to look at later on.”

Subritzky says he’ll enjoy flying “over the hill” to the eastern side of the district once he finishes obtaining his Private Pilot Licence.

He says he’s done his hours and passed all his exams, except one: navigation.

Even so, the former navy man and bathroom renovator believes a vote for him is “a tick in the right direction”.

“I’ve looked at the candidates, none of them even think like I do.

“I don’t just stand for transparency, I stand for exposing the truth... and a lot of people, I think, in the Coromandel, just want the truth explained to them,” he says.

“I’m not cut from the same mould as anybody else. Now is the best chance for change, because if I come back in three years, chances are, I would have been poisoned and my mind polluted. So now is the best chance for change.”

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Luxury yacht sinks at Slipper Island

A luxury yacht on its way to Whangārei on September 21 sank for the second time this year while being towed.

The Waikato Regional Harbourmaster said information about the *Maritimo* yacht indicated it sank in the South Bay of Slipper Island as water had entered the open engine hatches.

“No oil or other hazardous contaminants were aboard as it was a previously-salvaged vessel and these were removed as part of the recovery process.

“It’s currently still sitting on the seabed in around 4 metres of water, but has been anchored which should minimise any shifting.

“Please be aware if you’re in the area of Slipper Island as salvage operations may be underway.”

The 18.2 metre vessel first sank on May 16 after it crashed into some rocks near Mōtiti Island, Tauranga.

“The current salvors are onsite and have reported some oil sheen on the water as a result of residual oils in the engine bay.

“Some sorbents have now been deployed to mop up residual oil and the vessel salvage is being managed privately between the owner and the salvage company.

The public is encouraged to avoid the area to allow for salvage.



The luxury yacht sank while being towed. Photo: WAIKATO REGIONAL HARBOUR MASTER

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Rescue helicopter trust flies into new territory

In a bold move to increase its funding base, the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust has launched a major new initiative and is now seeking community backing.

In conjunction with New Zealand Rescue, the trust has ventured into a national lottery as it looks to grow the resources to support delivering rescue helicopter services.

Trust chairman John Stephenson described the decision to partner with NZ Rescue as a bold shift to secure funding for the trust.

The two-tier lottery is being marketed nationally and provides a range of first-class prizes, including a New Age Road Owl Caravan paired with a Land Rover Defender, and the opportunity to win a JB Motorhome 7.8 Queen.

John said under the two-tier approach, two lotteries were running with only 6000 tickets available for the JB Motorhome, and 10,000 tickets for the New Age Road Owl Caravan and Land Rover Defender option.

Tickets are now on sale from \$100.

“All ticket sales go towards supporting the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust which ensures that the life-saving emergency services remain available to people both living and visiting our wider region,”



Trust chair John Stephenson, left, trustee Lynda Pye and patron Walter Russell with one of the two lottery prizes.

Photo: SUPPLIED

he said.

“Our trustees were excited when presented with this option and we appreciate being able to partner with NZ Rescue.

“We receive wonderful support from many organisations, individuals and groups through fund-raising events, donations and grants – all being highly appreciated.

“Our latest venture enables people to support the trust and the work it undertakes with the chance of winning superb prizes.”

John said when considering the prize packages, the trustees felt something that aligned with the region being such an attractive holiday destination was appropriate.

While the trust does not operate its own helicopters, it does have a hanger and base at the Whitianga Airfield.

Helicopters service the region from Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty.

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Winging it

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Strong winds didn't stop the Shorebird Coast Run event from taking place on September 14. If anything, it propelled the event.

Organiser Tim Ashby-Peckham said there was just enough wind to "get beneath our wings" and take participants down the course. "We had 341 people show up for the main event, nearly triple last year's total. 46 kids registered for

the Kuaka Kids Game." The event raised \$1400 which would be donated to the Pūkoro Miranda Shorebird Centre, he said. "I'm happy we pulled it off again and everyone involved did an amazing job. So proud of the team."

Even with the fresh conditions, Tim told *The Profile* the natural beauty of Pūkoro/Miranda stood out and people have already said they were looking forward to next year's event.



Runners zoom off with focus.



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Golden ticket winners explore Wonka’s factory.



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An arty exhibition

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

The Paeroa War Memorial Hall was filled with colour on September 18, as local schools held a combined art exhibition.

The Ohinemuri Kāhui Ako Art Fair featured 196 entries, from 12 schools and early childhood education centres. Pieces from participating primary schools

and Paeroa College's junior students were placed into four separate categories for judging: sculptures and ceramics; sketching and drawing; painting; and digital art.

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Make sure you're enrolled to vote on election day in October. Every voice matters and helps to shape the future of our district.

Missed enrolling or updating your address? Your voting papers won't be sent in the mail, but you can still vote. Just contact our Electoral Officer on 0800 922 822 or email specialvotes@electionservices.co.nz to request a special voting pack.

Alternatively, request a pack online via tcdc.govt.nz/specialvotes

The last day to enrol is Friday 10 October and voting will close at 12 noon on election day, Saturday 11 October.

Special votes will be available from Tuesday 9 September to Saturday 11 October, and can be delivered to or cast at any of our district offices.

Find out more
View standing candidates, videos, profiles and election events at tcdc.govt.nz/elections



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Join more than 574,000 others taking part in New Zealand's ShakeOut, a national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) to help prepare communities.

ShakeOut is being held on Thursday 16 October this year at 9.30am. All people need to do to take part is 'drop, cover and hold' for 60 seconds. In Thames and other coastal areas, it's the perfect opportunity to also practise your tsunami evacuation.

You don't have to do it on your own. Join other communities taking part by signing up online at getready.govt.nz and find out more.

SIGN UP!



What's happening over Labour Weekend?



Council offices and district libraries
Our Council service centres (including the AA driver and vehicle licensing agents) and our district libraries are closed on Labour Day, Monday 27 October. You can still reach us 24/7 at 07 868 0200 or customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz



Kerbside collections
Rubbish and food waste collections are a day later following Labour Day, Monday 27 October. Check your local kerbside schedule at: tcdc.govt.nz/bindays

Refuse and Recycling Transfer Stations (RTS)
Our seven RTS are open daily, including Labour Day Monday, from 8.30am-5.30pm. For more info, visit tcdc.govt.nz/rts



Thames Pool hours
Thames Centennial Pool is closed on Labour Day, Monday 27 October, resuming normal hours on Tuesday 28 October 2025.



Dog restrictions
Restrictions are in place on some beaches this Labour Weekend. Look out for Council's traffic light signage and check the rules in your area at tcdc.govt.nz/dogownerguide



Alcohol bans
Alcohol bans are in place over Labour Weekend from 4pm Friday to 4pm Monday. tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol



Boundary Creek closure date

SH25 Thames Coast Road will be closed at Boundary Creek Bridge, north of Te Mata, for seven days from 5am on Wednesday 29 October, so that NZTA contractors can demolish the old bridge deck and install the new one.

They will use a prefabricated bridge deck and work extended hours to keep the closure to the shortest possible time. Access will be maintained for all businesses and properties along SH25 up to the bridge from the north and the south; but no through traffic will be possible during this time.

To get to locations north of the bridge, including the Waikawau boat ramp, use SH25A and the eastern section of SH25 via Tairua and Whitianga. For those heading south from northern Coromandel, it will be the reverse.

Please avoid the 309 and Tapu-Coroglen Roads if you're towing or driving a heavy vehicle.

For more information, visit nzta.govt.nz/sh25-sh25a-coromandel



KŌPŪ WHARF ACCESS

Check out the Kōpū Wharf at the weekend. We are currently running a public access trial on weekends from 9am – 5pm until the end of Labour Weekend. Enter the pedestrian access gate near the parking area (via King Street).

Give us feedback about your visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3xjcbwrw>

Include your children in your rhythms

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

Kids, when they're born, are a fair reason to slow down on our rhythms. The sleepless nights, the chaos, the pure exhaustion — many of us have been there. But as they get older, something needs to shift. We've got to start picking those rhythms back up again. And here's the thing — it doesn't need to be without them.

Rhythm is important to me. It keeps me focused, balanced, and motivated. Most mornings, I've got a simple exercise routine. Nothing massive — just enough to get the blood pumping, keep my fitness up, and fire me up for the day. At first, I used to get up early to do it before the kids woke up. That was my little pocket of quiet before the madness began. But after a few slack mornings where I didn't get up in time, something cool happened — the kids found me mid-workout... and wanted in. Now, my oldest is often in his shoes before I am, racing me to

finish the exercises. My toddler? He's become my weight belt — climbing on to my back for press-ups and chin-ups like it's the best game ever. It's fun for them, they get encouraged, they get fit — but more than that, they're learning. They're seeing the power of routine, the value of showing up, and the habits that shape a healthy life. And it's not just exercise. My kids love doing Mummy exercises on YouTube with their mum. We go for morning runs before school. And my hobbies — mountain biking, rock climbing, 4x4ing

— they're always an open invite. Here's the thing: when we include our kids in our 'adult world,' we're not just keeping them busy. We're training them. Equipping them. And when they're young, they actually love it. Share what you're learning. Talk about your family finances. Let them in on the why behind your work, your routines, your hobbies. Because your rhythm becomes their rhythm. Your strength becomes their strength. And they'll learn grit, resilience, and a capacity for growth that no

classroom can teach. We are the parents. Character. Faith. Health. Money. That's our job to pass on.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

Zest String Quartet to perform

Zest String Quartet will feature at Thames Music Group's September Sunday afternoon concert at St George's Church on October 12 at 2pm. Zest String Quartet is a collective of Auckland musicians which aims to curate unforgettable live music experiences. Featuring Amber Reed and Joo Yeon Lee (violins), Charlotte Francis (viola) and Sangah Park (cello), Zest performs in a growing number of public recitals and festivals, and have collaborated in performance with artists such Chong Nee, Anonymouz and Lana Fia. Zest String Quartet is based in Auckland and comes to Thames shortly after their well-received 2025 public recital *Beyond this Earth*, which accompanied the Auckland Central Library's special exhibition *Other Worlds*. In 2024, they were featured in *Fashion Quarterly* magazine and performed as part of A Niu Dawn Festival produced by Black Grace. The group's recital programmes, designed by

founding violinist Amber Read, are characterised by playful repertoire, integrating the ease of the familiar with the excitement of discovery. Their performance for the Thames Music Group will feature re-inventions of Satie's hypnotic *Gymnopédie No 1* and tunes from Anna Magdalena Bach's treasured notebook. Founded in 2016, Zest has performed in venues across the country including Auckland Museum, Auckland Art Gallery, SkyCity Events Centre, Trott's Garden, Corban Arts Estate and Shed10. In addition, all four members lead active lives in freelance music, teaching and performing with ensembles such as Opus Orchestra, Auckland Choral, and Auckland Philharmonia. **DETAILS: Zest String Quartet, October 12, 2pm, St George's Church, Mackay St, Thames. Tickets: \$20/Adult, \$15/TMG Member, Free entry/Under 18 yrs old. Contact: thamesmusicgroup@yahoo.co.nz.**



The Zest String Quartet will feature in Thames on October 12. Photo: SUPPLIED

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- I am about safer roads - no more deaths on my watch
- I am about better education on waste and recycling
- I am pro community boards 100%
- I am pro tech - I use A.I. to find stuff for me, I'll show you too.
- I am your best chance for change, trust me I will deliver.

Since I started this campaign I've sent and received data from NZTA & ACC on the section of road from Hauraki Rd and Kopu Bridge. Pieced it together to show 3 blackspots not 1, individually each fly under the radar, but put the three together and it's a different story, a real tragedy. I've also sent letters to the mayor of Hauraki District Council, Toby Adams, NZTA & Minister for Transport asking to verify my findings.

I'm the only candidate who's said a rates freeze is achievable. I believe I'm also the only candidate who's bothered to read the annual reports back to 2018 and most likely I believe the only candidate to ask the TCDC to provide the file on "Other Expenses" totalling 54 million dollars last year. I'd like to know what's in it, wouldn't you? That's a lot of money for a single line entry in an annual report. I also seem to be the only person who bothered to ask TCDC to please explain the amount we pay consultants, \$4.1 million in 2018 and \$9.9 million in 2024, that's almost half of the combined staff's wages for TCDC last year.

Rural Life

First Conservationist Award winners announced

The Mangatangi Maramarua Catchment has named the first winners of its inaugural Young Conservationist Awards - Fletcher Grant, Lockie Grant, and Ashton Williamson.

A spokesperson said the young men had built a deep understanding and first-hand knowledge of the damage invasive pest species inflicted on the environment.

Their interest in conservation started in 2020 when they were still at primary school.

Since that time, they have dispatched over 2000 possums.

“Our biggest night was 100 but we are struggling to find that many now on land we have regular access to,” Fletcher said.

Living close to the Firth of Thames, Hunua Ranges and Maramarua Forest provides proximity to large areas of significant bush blocks and waterways.

Welcomed on a number of local farms, the trio focuses on controlling possums, hares and turkeys. Such is their success that local landowners are hoping to secure access to more land so other areas can benefit.

Ask them what their top tips for possum control are and like most young men, they are keen on using the latest kit.



Young Conservationist Award winners Lockie Grant, Fletcher Grant, and Ashton Williamson. Photo: SUPPLIED

“The easiest way to kill possums is to shoot them at night using thermal imaging,” Fletcher said.

The awards are designed to encourage the next generations’ stewardship of the land and build awareness of the vital role pest management plays in saving New Zealand’s critically endangered native wildlife.

The Mangatangi Maramarua Catchment Young Conservationist Award will be held monthly until December, and includes a \$100 Hunting and Fishing voucher for pest control activity within the the catchment.

DETAILS: To submit an award nomination, email mmcatchment@gmail.com. Include as much information as possible, such as photographs, date, GPS

co-ordinates, estimated number of pests caught, and name and age of the entrants. The pest control activity must have taken place within approximately 20km of Mangatangi, Maramarua or Western Firth Catchments and can include any pest species.

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Rural Life

Karaka Track transformed

What was once an overgrown, dark corridor of invasive privet, wattle, and elaeagnus has been getting a major makeover thanks to the Thames Environmental Alliance (TEA).

Volunteers have been hard at work clearing invasive weeds at the Karaka Track carpark and entrance, setting the old road reserve on a new course. The track is one of the most popular trails in Thames - a starting point for trampers heading into the Coromandel Forest Park to Crosbies Hut, and the Karaka to Waiotahi circuit.

Spokesperson Ric Balfour said the Karaka Track restoration project will be a sustained effort over the next few years, building on years of work from the Thames Mountain Bike Club, which has maintained and upgraded the track and bridges, and set a trapline on the Karaka and Waiotahi tracks.

"The Karaka carpark restoration is a multi-phase project," he said.

"TEA has cleared privet and other invasive weeds, chipped the branches, and donated the firewood to locals. They are now treating more than 1000 privet stumps, clearing years of rubbish, and starting to plant and mulch.

"Next year, TEA will monitor and weed new seedlings, rehabilitate the poor soil, and continue planting native species, with a three-year maintenance plan in place until nature can take over."

Future work is also being scoped to enhance the nearby waterfall area and extend weeding further up the track, as well as other weed hot spots around Thames.

The Thames Environmental Alliance is a newly formed charitable trust on a mission to tackle the town's invasive weed problem, restore native biodiversity, control pests, and enhance local walking trails.

Its projects have included opening the Moanataiari Lookout Track with The Department of Conservation, removing privet, wattle and asparagus weed in the Sir John William Hall Arboretum, and engaging an ecologist to run privet trials to find the best way to approach the hills of privet plaguing Thames.

Thames Environmental Alliance has gained support from the Thames Community Board, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel, the Department of Conservation and the Seagull Centre. There has also been a huge amount of volunteer time both on the ground and behind the scenes.

DETAILS: To find out more, join the TEAm, or contribute, head to tea.org.nz.




Before and after the first part of the carpark area was cleared, planted and mulched.

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Quirky storytelling and totem poles to exhibit

The layers tend to contain a lot of scratching, scribbling, stencils and experimentation. Jessie says that it's not unusual for a painting to completely change direction if



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Meanwhile, Denise Judd will be featuring her unique pottery at the northern end of the gallery. Denise has lived in the Thames area for most of her life, now residing on the Thames Coast. She began potting more than 20 years ago after seeing an ad in the paper for classes at the local art gallery, where

Denise's firings are done in her own gas kiln, using her own glazes from recipes she has acquired over the years. Her exhibition will also include some raku and pit fired pieces to showcase the different methods of firing pottery. She says her creations come from ideas that pop into her head that she has designed herself and then created, en-



DETAILS: Thames Art Gallery, 604 Tararu Rd, Thames. New summer hours from October 1 - open Monday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.



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October Featured Artists



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Gardening

Spring colours appear

October is mid spring and the colours appearing on the trees are a pretty good indication of what is to come. It is one of the busiest and most exciting months in the garden. Everything is bursting into life and looking a picture.

Tasks for the month include preparation of the soil with good compost ready for the new plants. Continue vegetable planting such as peas, broccoli, cauliflower, beet-root, and salad greens. Toward the end of the month, you can add cucumbers, egg-plant, beans, zucchini, sweetcorn.

If you are planting vegetables in pots make sure you have a premium potting mix to give your plants the best start. Plant your summer lettuces, spinach, herbs and tomatoes, which all grow well in pots.

Tidy up the herb gardens by cutting back sage, thyme and mint to encourage new growth. Plant basil, coriander, parsley and dill to go with those summer barbecue dishes.

Continue to mound up potatoes with soil to protect them from wind and the possibility of late frost. It also encourages good tuber growth. Mound up until approximately 300mm high.

Labour Weekend is traditionally tomato planting time, so if it is warm enough, get them in the ground so you have a bumper crop come Christmas. Remember to stake them at time of planting so you don't disturb the roots once they are established.

Feed your seedlings with a specific fertiliser for tomatoes and vegetables. Seaweed plant tonic can be used between fertiliser application. And don't forget to protect

your new seedlings with slug and snail bait.

Citrus fruit of most varieties will have reached maturity although there will be some late fruiterers. Fertilise all fruit trees starting in early October.

Plant out young passionfruit vines in a sunny north facing position, this is best suited to their growth.

Keep an eye on your strawberries and pick some of the flowers off to encourage good plant growth and delay the fruiting to help extend the season.

The roses will have early blooms starting to appear and plant growth will be rapid. Water well and be vigilant about the first signs of pests.

Plant some popular spring flowers such as lobelia, dahlia, cosmos, gerbera, marigolds, sweet peas. It's a good idea to have some of these in pots and place around or close to the vegetable beds to attract bees.

Don't forget the slug and snail protection, and fertiliser.

Adding mulch to the garden will also help to add warmth to the soil to encourage growth and also suppress the weeds.

Now is the time to spray the lawn with a specific prickly weed spray, to retain the perfect playground for the kids. These sprays can be purchased at your local hardware stores or garden centres. Apply weed and feed to the lawn to keep it green and healthy.

Stimulate the compost bin with the addition of lime and nitrogen fertiliser and turn or agitate to aerate.

Enjoy your spring garden
- Ngatea Garden Circle



Everything bursts into life in the garden during October.

File Photo: UNSPLASH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 2025 Moon Planting Calendar		1  Plant above ground crops	2 Non planting Day	3 Non planting Day	4 Non planting Day	5  Plant above ground Crops. Liquid Feed
6  Plant above ground Crops. Liquid Feed	7  Full Moon	8 Non planting Day	9  Plant root crops, trees and shrubs	10  Plant root crops, trees and shrubs	11 Non planting Day	12 Non planting Day
13  Plant root crops. Liquid Feed	14  Plant root crops. Liquid Feed	15 Non planting Day	16 Non planting Day	17 Non planting Day	18 Non planting Day	19 Non planting Day
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Cooper snaps up awards

MOTOCROSS
By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

According to Cooper Young, motocross racing in a paddock is “way different” compared to on a groomed track. “I have to use a different technique when racing,” the 15-year-old motocross racer told *The Profile*. However, it didn’t stop him from achieving a podium placing at a recent motocross event. The year-10 motocross rider from Hauraki Plains College competed at the New Zealand 2-Stroke MotoX Nationals across September 13 to 14 in Otorohanga and landed a second place position for the Youth 125cc and fifth place in the Seniors 0-200cc category. The top rider was stoked with both results, especially because the weather was so bad.

“Races had to be cut out, so over two days instead of five races we were only able to do three,” he said. His placings earned him some prize money too: a cheque of \$100 for the Holeshot Award, which is awarded to the first rider in the Youth 125cc group to reach each of the corners, \$150 for second place and \$50 for fifth place. The young athlete was keen on other sports too, and said he put some of his winnings towards a golf membership at Wai-kere Golf Club, and saved the rest. When asked what his achievements meant to him, the young racer said it was that he could race on the flat paddocks and use a different style of racing which was cool. The next event Cooper’s eyes were set on was working towards MX fest in Taupō over Labour Weekend.



Cooper Young with his awards and in action on the track. Photos: SUPPLIED

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HAWKES, Michael Eric (Mike): At Waikato Hospital ICU 25 September from a spinal infection, valiantly fought, 74 years young. Cherished husband of Meghan and irreplaceable father and granddad of Cameron, Stephanie and Nasrin. Many thanks to St John's Ambulance, Thames Fire Brigade, Thames ED and Waikato ICU. Special thanks to Linley for such wonderful support. A private service has been held according to Mike's wishes. Our hearts are broken. 	TYRRELL, Ronald Seymour (Ron): Peacefully, at Thames Hospital on Sunday 31st August, 2025; Dearly loved husband of Margaret. Loved Dad of Denise, Linda, Kay, and Karen. A Memorial Service to celebrate Ron's life will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church, Willoughby Street, Paeroa on Monday 13th October at 2pm. 	Gardening STUMP GRINDING. All sizes, all areas. Thames based. Ph 021 060 7659 Grazing Dairy Grazing available for 40 R1/R2 Heifers. Situated at Hikutaia, on 34ha rolling/hill block. Viewings welcome. Phone: Sue/Richard 021 262 3871 Handyman An experienced handyman covering all trades with over 20 years exp building trade. Please contact Laurie King 021 251 0246 ktpropertyservice.com Builders Reno's , decking, fencing. For free quote ph Phil 021 088 63559 Friendly licensed builder. 40 years exp. All aspects .No job too small. Ian 021 540 376 Builder available Licensed Builder. Alterations / Maintenance / Decks Great rates. Ph Mark 022 344 0629		Public Notice STEPPING OUT HAURAKI INC AGM  You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting New committee/members welcomed To be held on Monday 6th October 2025 at 11am @ Stepping Out Hauraki 100 Sealey Street, Thames The meeting will conclude with a light lunch Situation Vacant PAPER RUNNER We have a vacancy for a paper runner in Waihi. Immediate Start... Please contact Geoff: admin@valleyprofile.co.nz for more information.		
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Kitty and first bowl are life members Terry King, left, and Postie Parfitt. Photos: SUPPLIED

BOWLS

Despite bad weather, there was a good turn out for Kerepehi Bowls Summer Opening recently, which was played on the carpet green. The opening kitty and bowl was by life members Terry King and Peter (Postie) Parfitt.

The day was sponsored by the Sutherland Family and Colin Wilson. Of Optional Fours, Prize winners were: 1st 4 wins 16 points 18 ends (Thames) Todd, Dave, Debbie, Dale; 2nd 3 wins 14 points

18 ends (Waihi Beach/Kerepehi) Judith Wilson, Dave, Don Cooper, Barry Wilson; 3rd 3 wins 11 points 19 ends (Tui Park) Ken, Alison; Louise, Mary; 4th 3 wins 2 points 15 ends (Kerepehi) Stu, Fatu, Pete, Michael. Kopu Engineering opt 4s was postponed on September 28 due to clash with a TV Bowls event, a replacement date is yet to be set. Twilight bowls on Thursday nights start October 2. On October 4-5, host TVB Open Champion Triples sharing with Tui Park, and October 19 is Hudson Families Opt 4s.

- Terry King



Clockwise from top left: Kerepehi; Tui Park, Waihi Beach and Kerepehi, and Thames.



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15 Very likely (2,3,11)

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62 Long fish (3)

63 Earthquake echo (10)

66 Stringed instrument (6)

67 Pillar (6)

69 Habitually moving seasonally (9)

72 Filter (6)

73 Out of favour (9)

75 Felt like having (7)

77 Flow (3)

80 Rub out (5)

81 Annual felicitation (4,5,7)

82 Bring upon oneself (5)

83 Pulled sharply (6)

84 Blushed (8)

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DOWN

2 Vineyard apparatus (4,5)

3 Intestine part (5)

5 Violent public disorder (4)

6 African language (7)

7 Quirk (12)

8 Pulverise (5)

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10 Mountains (4)

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12 Possession (5)

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22 Sign up (6)

23 Bear witness (7)

24 In the current fashion or style (1,2,4)

25 Detour (6)

27 Driving permit (7)

28 Non-malignant (6)

30 Roman emperor (4)

32 Water bird (5)

34 Customer (5)

36 Expectorate (4)

38 Is able (3)

42 Shrine (5)

43 Huge sea wave (7)

44 Common sense (4)

45 Vinegar acid (6)

46 Desert green spot (5)

48 Treating ore (anag) (11)

49 Burdensome (7)

50 Curve (3)

51 Fame (7)

52 Body organ (6)

53 Reluctant to speak frankly (5-7)

54 Long heroic story (4)

57 Lure into capture (6)

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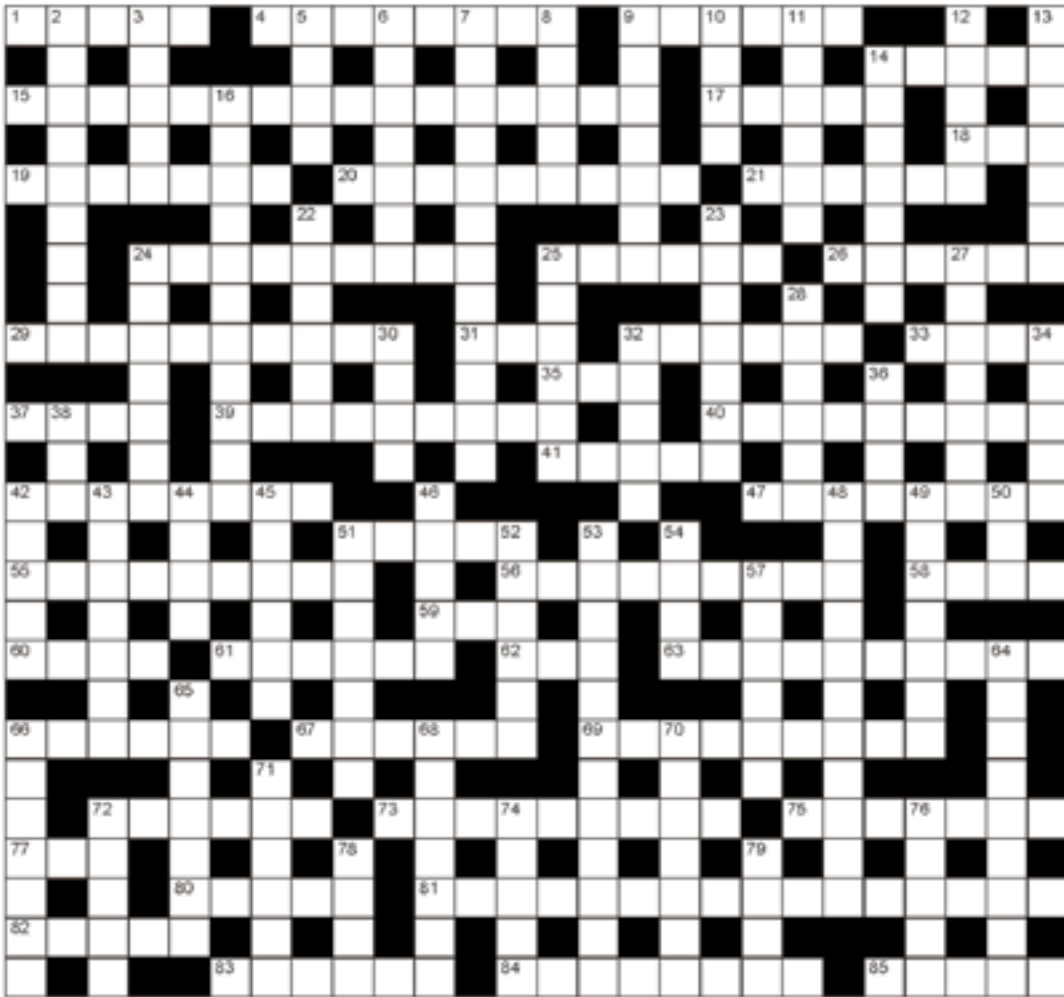
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OPEN DAY



Thames 415 Parawai Road

Exciting opportunity in the heart of Thames

Rarely do you get the chance to secure a substantial property in a central residential location you can put your mark on. Built in 1978, this 240sqm (more or less) Lockwood building has served as a community church for 45 years and is now surplus to requirements. On a flat 1,581sqm (more or less) residentially zoned section, the single-level property provides two large interconnected open-plan areas, a kitchen, office, two toilets and ample parking or future development space.

Close to schools, a local grocery store and just minutes from town, this versatile property will appeal to investors, developers or community groups seeking opportunity in the heart of Thames.

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1,581

Tender (unless sold prior)
Closing 4pm, Thu 23 Oct 2025
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Boundary lines are indicative only



Hunua 125 Wilson Road

Productive land in the Hunua foothills

Set across 73.5 hectares (more or less) of well-contoured land, this property balances farming infrastructure with scope for the future. Offering options as a grazing block, support land, or larger rural base, it delivers versatility. Around 53 hectares (more or less) is grazeable contour, currently used for beef finishing and maize cropping. The front is mainly flat, giving easy access for machinery and livestock, while the fertile land supports a variety of uses. Divided into 21 paddocks with central laneways, it is practical and efficient. Everyday services are close by, making this a place with space to work and a location that supports lifestyle and productivity.

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73.5917 ha

Tender (unless sold prior)
Closing 3pm, Wed 29 Oct 2025
96 Ulster Street, Hamilton
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Puriri 107 Neavesville Road

Outstanding value – \$210k below GV

Privately positioned with an elevated outlook, this modern three-bedroom home offers space and comfort on 3.2 hectares (more or less). At the centre, a light-filled open-plan kitchen, dining and living space features modern appliances, an island bench and a spacious butler’s pantry. The master suite includes an ensuite and generous walk-in wardrobe, complemented by two additional bedrooms and a second living area. Large sliding doors open to an expansive deck, creating seamless indoor-outdoor flow and a setting to enjoy sweeping views. This property has so much to offer including a double garage, shedding, energy-efficient with solar, grazing land and borders a stony-bottom river.

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3.2 ha 3 2 2

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Ngatea 4574 Orchard West Road

Well set-up land holding with future flexibility

Set in the heart of a proven farming district, this 42.86 hectare (subject to survey) block offers scale, reliability, and flexibility for those looking to strengthen or diversify their operation. Flat contour, a central race, and about 20 paddocks support efficient stock movement and ease of management. Connected to council water, it features productive soils, effective drainage, and versatility for maize, grazing, or young stock. Infrastructure includes two hay barns, with power soon available. Close to Ngatea and State Highway 2, it balances farmland productivity with access to services, schools, and markets, while east coast beaches are within easy reach.

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42.86_{ha}

Auction (unless sold prior) 11am, Thu 30 Oct 2025
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NEW LISTING



Thames 398C Kauaeranga Valley Road

Where Business Meets the River

- Home business consent in place
- Grazing, gardens, orchard & sheds
- River with a swimming hole

Family living with the bonus of consent for business use. The four-bedroom home is positioned for all-day sun, supported by 16 solar panels with inverters to lower costs. Set on 2.3ha, the property features seven paddocks, cattle yards, a barn, orchard, and gardens. The boundary is the Kauaeranga River, with direct access to a private swimming hole.

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2.317_{ha} 610_{sqm}

Auction (unless sold prior) 2pm, Thu 30 Oct 2025
1030 Victoria Street, Hamilton
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JAE Cleans up in 2025 Quality Service Awards

National home care services provider JAE Group, including JAE Coromandel, has been awarded Gold for Home Maintenance in the 2025 Reader's Digest Quality Service Awards.

Not many companies can say they have been in more Kiwi homes and businesses than they haven't, but JAE Group would come close.

For over 57 years, JAE has been there when people need them most, ready to 'take care of it' with the same commitment to service excellence from day one.

JAE was formed by Jack, Audrey & Edward Smith in 1967, giving birth to the name JAE. Jack's mantra was honesty, reliability, and always going the extra mile for customers. Carpet manufacturers heard of JAE's excellent service in Auckland and offered a nationwide contract to provide 'aftercare' on carpets installed into homes.

As JAE continued to grow, new services like Flood Restoration and Pest Control were added to its successful carpet cleaning and stain treatment services. By the 2000's, JAE Branches across the country were working with national insurance companies as New Zealand's Flood Restoration experts.

All staff attend customer service training, where JAE's proud history, and the vision & values of the company are at the forefront. Training includes helping the team understand that the customer's home is their castle, and they need to treat every home as if it was their own. JAE always act in a respectful, friendly and professional manner, and this helps ensure a steady flow of positive feedback and word-of-mouth referrals for the business.



A proud kiwi family business, Dale & Jodi took over from Dale's parents in 2003 and all 4 of their kids have been part of the team at some point, so JAE has been in the McAuley blood for over 30 years. June 2024 saw them move to a new depot premises at 209 Mary St, Thames after working out of home for 21 years. This is where you'll find 2 beautiful Border Collies, who take turns being the JAE Office Dog on Monday & Wednesday - so do come in and meet either Hugo (1) or 3-legged Moriarty (12). The human members of your JAE Team are, from left: Sophia, Belinda, Brian, Jodi, Dale, Kent and Blake. (Missing, Marie).



We have an amazing team of highly trained, experienced Techs, who really care about our customers' properties. They treat these homes and businesses, as if they are their own. To have JAE's passion and commitment to quality recognised with Gold in the Reader's Digest 2025 Quality Service Awards, is amazing, and we thank all of the

Kiwis that voted for us.

- Dale & Jodi McAuley, JAE Coromandel Owner-Operators

JAE Coromandel Home Maintenance Services

- Flood Restoration
- Carpet Cleaning
- Upholstery & Leather Cleaning
- Stain Treatment
- Rug Cleaning
- Fabric Protection
- Odour Treatment
- Pest Control

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