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Early election results see a familiar face stay on in Hauraki and a new Mayor take the helm next door. KELLEY TANTAU reports

TCDC Mayor-elect, Peter Revell.
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For one, it'll be business as usual. For another, a rise up the district council ranks.

Preliminary results for the local body elections show Hauraki voters sticking with Mayor Toby Adams, while Thames-Coromandel elevates councillor Peter Revell to the top job.

As of Sunday night, Adams had earned 4694 votes, while Revell had 3669.

After acknowledging his clear win with a celebration in Paeroa with other successful candidates, Mayor Adams told *The Profile* that out of his 15 years in council, this campaign was particularly full-on.

"There's normally always going

to be people out there that don't like you or don't like your politics, and I 100 per cent get that. There's also people that do like you. So, the supportive ones have been fantastic," he said.

"I tried to shut out the noise, but it was more personal, I'll say. Rather than just politics, it became very, very personal with one of the candidates invading personal space, and just the level of enquiries were more personal than ever before."

As with his past bids for the mayoralty, Adams kept it simple on the 2025 campaign trail, and said "doing your job properly" was the best indicator of earning another term.

He was the only mayoral candidate who turned up to any of the Meet the Candidate events across the rohe.

"If you're the incumbent mayor, you're campaigning for three years by just doing your job properly, and if you've done your job properly, you'll get a whiff of whether you're the right person or not to stand," he said.

"If I was getting a sense that the community was over me, I probably wouldn't have stood."

But Adams was the clear victor. His closest competitor was out-of-towner Roman Jackson on 622 votes, followed by Waihi's Levi Burton on 474, both new to local politics.

What surprised Adams, though, was the number of other experienced mayors ousted from their roles across the country - many of them female. Three-term Selwyn mayor Sam Broughton conceded victory to Lydia Gliddon; seasoned Central Hawke's Bay Mayor Alex Walker lost her campaign against Will Foley; Waikato District Mayor Jacqui Church was defeated in the polls by Aksel Bech; Susan O'Reagan from Waipā was ousted by Mike Pettit, and Tara-rua mayor Tracey Collis - who has been in the role since 2016 - was unseated by Scott Gilmore.

"All these good mayors with great knowledge and understanding of how it all works are gone,

and I don't think they're gone for the reason that people think they've done a poor job," Adams said. "I think they're gone because some of these communities can't comprehend these rising costs... and we don't just do it to piss people off."

While Adams has long been a familiar face around the council table, Revell isn't exactly green himself.

The Thames-based father-of-four began his local politics career as a community board member before moving into a councillor role in 2022. On Saturday, he told *The Profile* a commendable campaign helped ease any election-day jitters.

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Elections bring change, continuity

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"I was really content, I suppose, with the job that I had done in the campaign. There were a few things that I would do differently, but overall I felt that if I missed out, it's not because I hadn't done a decent job on the campaign. So, it hasn't been a nervous day for me, but it has been a busy day," he said.

Revell was getting ready to host family for his father-in-law's 95th birthday celebrations on Sunday. His job - amid taking hoardings off the trailer and pulling nails out of wood - was to keep an eye on the bolar roast. "We will sit around and do what families do, which is sit and chat and what have you," he said. "There will be a certain topic - a flavour to the conversation - which will be around the change in my life that's going to take place from Monday morning, but it will be very much a family weekend."

Family and faith, Revell said, were two "fundamentals" of his life.

"We've got four kids, we've got 16 grandchildren... so we've got a bevy of young family, which is incredibly energising - and unbelievably chaotic at Christmas time."

Revell added that while he was not surprised by the way the vote went, he acknowledged the disappointment that came hand-in-hand on election day.

"More people didn't vote for me as mayor than did vote for me as mayor," he said, alluding to the 3069, 2993, and 1525 votes cast for fellow candidates Patrick Kerr, incumbent Len Salt, and Denise Messiter respectively.



Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams.

File photo

"So that's a reality. There's a whole lot of people out there who, in the mayoral outcome, will be disappointed because their candidate didn't get over the line. And around the council table, there will be people who will be coping with real disappointment at the moment."

An unexpected outcome was the close race in the Mercury Bay ward, he said, in which sitting councillors Deli Connell and Rekha Giri-Percival were nipped at the post by Flemming Rasmussen and former deputy mayor Tony Brljevic.

Coromandel-Colville candidate John Morrissey, who first won an uncontested seat on the Thames-Coromandel District Council in 2004 and served two terms, returned successfully in 2019 but was also edged out by newcomer Robert Ashman this election.

And in the vote to remove or retain Māori Wards, it was clear in both districts: with

6896 votes against and 4771 in favour in Thames-Coromandel, and 3248 votes against and 2340 in favour in Hauraki, the wards will be gone at the 2028 election.

"I'm not surprised that that's the way the vote has gone," Revell said, "because I've been campaigning around the district since the beginning of the year, and the more I was moving around the district, the more sense I got that the referendum was likely to be a no."

"But the reality is that we have got a Māori ward - we've got a Māori ward for the next three years, and we've got a very capable representative."

Like Revell, Mayor Adams said he was looking forward to working with the Māori ward councillors while he could, but expressed disappointment in the timing of the referendum.

"I don't know if the result would have changed if we had more voter engagement, but it's just kind of disappointing that we were put in a position to do this before the community had actually experienced what Māori wards were, and could realise that it's no big deal and it's not about race, it's just about diversity around the table," he said.

Final election results are expected to be released on October 17, and in Thames-Coromandel, the new mayor, councillors, and community board members will be officially sworn in on October 31.

DETAILS: Full preliminary results can be found on the district councils' websites.



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New mural to paint bigger picture for Paeroa

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

Paeroa could soon be even more ‘world famous’. This time, for its walls.

Spearheaded by the Paeroa Business Association and largely funded by the Hauraki District Council’s Public Art Fund, a new mural showcasing the town’s landscape will be installed on the side of E Ronnie’s Café on Corbett St, replacing an older artwork that currently occupies the wall.

Project lead Linley Rose told *The Profile* a new mural had been in the making for almost a year, following the business association’s formation in October, 2024.

Following a search for the right artist, the team landed on Wellington-based Regan Balzer to bring the mural to life.

“Her designs are more abstract and colourful, but still are able to tell a story,” Linley said.

Regan [Te Arawa, Ngāti Ranginui, Raukawa, Apakura] is a contemporary Māori artist originally hailing from Rotorua.

Her first solo exhibition was in 2005 at Hei Tiki Gallery, before she received her Masters in Māori Visual Arts (Hons) from Te Pūhahi-a-Toi, Massey University.

She has participated in a number of exhibitions throughout New Zealand as well as overseas, including Italy, America, Australia, Rarotonga and Tahiti.

Linley said the business as-



The mural will replace an ageing artwork on the Corbett St side of E Ronnie’s Café.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

sociation had a “really positive and really wonderful” consultation with local iwi at Ngahutoi Marae, which Regan was a part of.

And at the start of the year, locals were asked to share their thoughts on what the mural should depict and how it should

be styled.

The results of the survey revealed a strong preference for a design that was contemporary, vibrant, and connected to the local environment, Linley said.

“Because what makes Paeroa so special is its environment: the rivers and the mountains.

“The river is why we’re here.”

According to council’s Public Arts Policy, proposals put forward for funding needed to showcase new artistic practices that would add innovation to Hauraki’s public art scene; have high standards of artistic excellence; reflect and incorpo-

rate the diversity of culture in the district; and recount Māori whakapapa and history, or celebrate Māori culture - with approval given by Mana Whenua.

One of the reasons Linley was chosen to lead the project was her passion for street art, and how it could revitalise cities and enhance town spaces.

She hoped this latest mural could kickstart a wave of creativity in Paeroa.

“A lot of cities around the world that are known for their murals have competitions each year, and so businesses are happy to be part of something that is a big event in their towns.

“That’s not how we’ve structured it in Paeroa yet, but maybe that’s a future possibility,” she said.

“I want this mural to inspire possibilities for more art, for more stories to be told.”

The Corbett St wall has been cleaned and stripped of lichen, ready for sealing and undercoating ahead of Regan starting her work on October 25. The mural will have its official opening one month later.

DETAILS: While the project has been largely funded by Hauraki District Council, with Mitre10 Waihi and Buildlink Paeroa donating paint and materials, those wishing to support this or any future mural project can contact Paeroa Business Association via enquiries@paeroa.org.nz.



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Reunion on calendar for Thames alumni

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

They left Thames chasing opportunities, but Rob Comer and Shane Brealey haven't forgotten their roots.

Each of the men have gone on to experience varied careers: one became a professional firefighter and private investigator, the other built transport stations, schools, and affordable housing across the country.

Now, a reunion is on the cards for the Thames High alumni, and they're hoping more of the old crew will come along for a catch up.

For Rob, leaving school before getting his School Certificate was what he called a "stupid" move, but after a short stint at the district council, he went back to finish up and left for good in 1979.

From there, he went "from job to job" in Thames, and while volunteering as firefighter at the local brigade, he was inspired by a fellow member who'd become a professional firefighter in Auckland City.

"Something just clicked for me, so I started making plans to get fit and pass the necessary requirements to join as well."

After his firefighting stint in Auckland - "definitely the best job in the world," he said - Rob moved into the scuba diving industry, then worked with the New Zealand Police.

A few years later, he and his family relocated to the Gold Coast, Australia, where he set



Rob Comer, left, and Shane Brealey are two former Thames High students planning on reconnecting at an alumni event next April.



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up a private investigation (PI) company. But while the weather was warm and the vibe was good, Rob said he quickly realised Australia had a "very dark underbelly," especially in the investigative world.

After a decade in the PI game, he felt it was once again "time to change what I did".

Rob returned to New Zealand and joined Air New Zealand's long-haul cabin crew, later developing two accommodation lodges and moving to Waiheke Island, where he became a zipline guide. Of his varied career, Rob said change happened when the timing was right.

He was also inspired by other Thames High alumni who had

"really done well," he said - like Shane Brealey.

Shane is known for establishing NZ Living, which developed and built 700 new homes in Auckland - sold to first-home buyers at a total of \$30 million under market value to help more people on to the property ladder.

At one point, NZ Living was the largest provider of KiwiBuild homes, Shane said, and he later gifted the company to the Simplicity KiwiSaver scheme.

Before all that though, he was a Thames High student, having done his schooling there from 1976-1980.

From there, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University

of Canterbury, then spent two years working in Hawke's Bay, followed by another two in London. He later worked with major Australian firms before returning to New Zealand to establish his own construction company, NZ Strong.

Shane told *The Profile* that over the next decade, NZ Strong delivered 74 projects, including 11 transport stations, five schools, the Tepid Baths refurbishment, Auckland Zoo Te Wao Nui, the MOTAT Aviation Display Hall, Pah Homestead, Lopdell House and Art Gallery, the Auckland Netball Centre, the Otāhuhu Recreation Centre, and many more.

He sold the company after 10

years and established NZ Living. Since 2021, he and his wife Anna have been working pro-bono running Simplicity Living, currently building about 600 new homes per year in Auckland and Queenstown to provide more affordable rental housing.

Like Rob, Shane loved participating in his Thames High's First XV rugby team, and both recalled Mertyl Lafferty as being one of their favourite teachers.

Rob, who is organising the reunion set for April next year, said the point of the get-together was to remember their roots.

"We were a tight bunch of kids and had such a great time together, so I want to stay in touch with these great friends," he said.

The main reunion function will be held at 6pm on April 11, 2026, at the Thames Workingman's Club. Attendees are then invited to Melbourne Cafe the following morning for coffee at 10am.

"I always say that if you know that the reunion is on then you need to reach out to the contacts you have if you would like to see them on the night," Rob said.

"Quite a few people don't do Facebook, so hustle and find your old mates and let them know."

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New book reveals Paeroa history

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

People will soon be able to experience a whole new side to Paeroa's history, with the launch of *True Tales of the Paeroa Ward*.

The book, due to be released on October 17, is a collection of essays and stories from people with memories of the rural Waikato town. It's been a labour of love six years in the making.

"It was a very slow process. [The books] normally only take about two years to go from start to finish at the most," editor Geraldine Dunwoodie said.

"But we wanted to get it finished. And then all of a sudden we had one lovely lady who wrote several stories herself and also sent links to all sorts of genealogy groups... Another lady right at the last minute managed to get another three or four stories in quite quickly."

True Tales takes quite a different angle from traditional history books.

"It's all things that you don't find in the newspapers or the history books, and you see photos that perhaps will remain in family hands and normally not be available," Geraldine said.

"It's a jolly good range of stories: everything from looking at early family history, to current family, early businesses to current businesses, including The Refinery where we're having the book launch. And for the businesses, of course, we've got *The Valley Profile*.

"World War II gets a mention, schools get a mention. And



From left: Anna and Geraldine Dunwoodie with the soon-to-be-released *True Tales of the Paeroa Ward*. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

there's quite a bit on some of the early hotels of Paeroa, and some landmarks."

Geraldine said it was hard to pick a favourite from the many different recountings included in the volume. One thing the stories all have in common though, is authenticity.

"We don't actually change the author's stories. We might put in the odd comma or take out something that's been put in twice, but that's all we do. We like the different flavours of the authors to come through."

The stories came from far and wide - she even received two submissions from Ireland, Geraldine said.

"Another story came to us from Switzerland, too," she said.

"I've been nagging for that particular story for a couple of years.

It was a friend of my husband's, people well-known in the area, so that was lovely to have that in."

True Tales of the Paeroa Ward is the latest in a series of local history books produced by Te Whare Pātaka The Treasury Archive and Research Centre in Thames.

Previously-published titles cover historical recollections of Thames, the Coromandel, Waihi, Waikino, and more.

The book will be on sale at The Treasury's online shop. Proceeds from the book's sales go towards The Treasury's work to collect and preserve the region's history.

DETAILS: *True Tales of the Paeroa Ward* book launch, October 17, 5pm at The Refinery, 5 Willoughby St, Paeroa. All welcome. See www.thetreasury.org.nz for more.

Fundraiser seeks good reads

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

The Zonta Club of Thames Valley is looking forward to another successful Bookarama event this Labour Weekend - if it can round up enough books.

The annual Bookarama is the club's major fundraiser event for the year, and Zonta members Sue Bowden and Christine Alley are putting out the call for more donations.

Last year, the event raised around \$8000 for various charities, scholarships and grants to benefit girls and women throughout the region and overseas. The two-day event saw trestle tables loaded down with thousands of donated, second-hand books, and a crowd of people to match.

"There is often a queue, a whole lot of people there with all their big bags," Sue said.

But this year, Christine said, they only have around half the number of books they need.

"When we first started, Ngatea never had [a book fair], Paeroa never had one, and Waihi never had one... We've got a bit of competition now."

The pair said novels, historical works, children's and New Zealand books were the most popular, but they would take any genre, as well as bulk lots like de-

ceased estate books.

Donation can be dropped off at the Paeroa iSite or Thames ANZ, or picked up directly by arrangement. Help in the form of volunteers is also welcome, the pair said. Zonta has the assistance of Never Surrender Fitness to move the books to the hall from their storage space at the Thames Stables, and other community volunteers to run the event itself.

"But we'd love some more members," Christine said. "We used to have about 40 people - we're down to about nine at the moment."

It's a pretty relaxed, social group, Sue said, with a keen focus on empowering women and girls. The group gives out regular scholarships for furthering education, for example: paying out for small expenses like petrol and car warrants that aren't often covered by grants but can make all the difference in achieving success. "It does feel like it's making an impact on people's lives," Christine said. "Anything you can do to help, right?"

DETAILS: Bookarama, October 24 and 25, 9am onwards, St James Church Hall, Thames. Donate books at Paeroa iSite, Thames ANZ, or call Althea on 027 217 9222 to arrange pick-up.



The Zonta Club of Thames Valley is calling for donations of second-hand books for its annual Bookarama event this Labour Weekend. File Photo

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OBITUARY

Rowan Garrett

1936 - 2025

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

When Rowan Garrett took his final bow, it marked the end of an era for the Kerepēhi Brass Band.

It began in 1946 when Rowan was just 10 years old and his piano teacher, Mr Vivian, invited him to join a new brass band.

Rowan picked up the cornet, before finding his way to the E flat bass.

He never left.

When he died on August 26, 89-year-old Rowan was just a few months shy of 80 years' service with the band.

"Rowan was more than a musician; he was the beating heart of the Kerepēhi Brass Band," reads a tribute on the band's website. And current president Luke van Vliet agrees.

"He was a role model for a lot of people in the way he lived his life and how he conducted himself," Luke said.

"He lived right there [behind the band hall]... he would always walk over here to practice every day.

"Brass bands are very community-based, it really becomes your family. And that's what it was for Rowan, you know? Pretty much all of his kids were in the band at some point."



Rowan Garrett, QSM, was with the Kerepēhi Brass Band for nearly 80 years.

File Photo: TERESA RAMSEY

Over the years, the brass band came to mean everything to Rowan - he played at thousands of different events, held almost every office - including 40 years as band president, and was honoured as a life member.

"He only ever missed two Anzac Days in his entire 79 years in the band," Luke said.

"Anzac Day this year, he was so gutted when he couldn't be there, because that's what he was working towards after he broke his femur.

"Everytime I was on the phone to him, he was talking about how he was going to be at band practice within three weeks, and he was working hard, and he's

been studying the music, and he was always optimistic."

Through the years, Rowan's dedication was also recognised outside the band. He was made a life member of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Brass Band Association, received a Hauraki District Citizens award in 2004, and in 2021 he was awarded the

Queen's Service Medal for his services to brass bands.

Perhaps his favourite accolade though, was an in-depth interview with TVNZ's *Seven Sharp* in 2021.

"That was probably one of the big highlights in his banding career. He never stopped talking about it," Luke said.

Fittingly, Rowan's final public performance with the band was also filmed by *Seven Sharp*, when the TV crew accompanied the band to their Christmas performance in the hills and tunnels of Karangahake Gorge last year.

Even after Rowan's health began to decline, music, and the band, were still foremost in his mind. Fellow band member Heather O'Hagan recalled visiting him just days before his death, to find him preparing to fit some music practice into his day.

"He was a regular attendee [of the senior social band] up until the end of last year," she said in her eulogy.

"And he was delighted to play with them when they visited [Ohinemuri Home] in June."

Rowan's legacy was one of music, friendship, and community spirit, the band said.

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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.

1939

At Kōpū, settlers were attempting to combat a worm menace with sand supplied by the Public Works department. The department was prepared to cart 50 or 60 yards to any suitable area near Kōpū where it could be used for experimental worm work by the settlers.

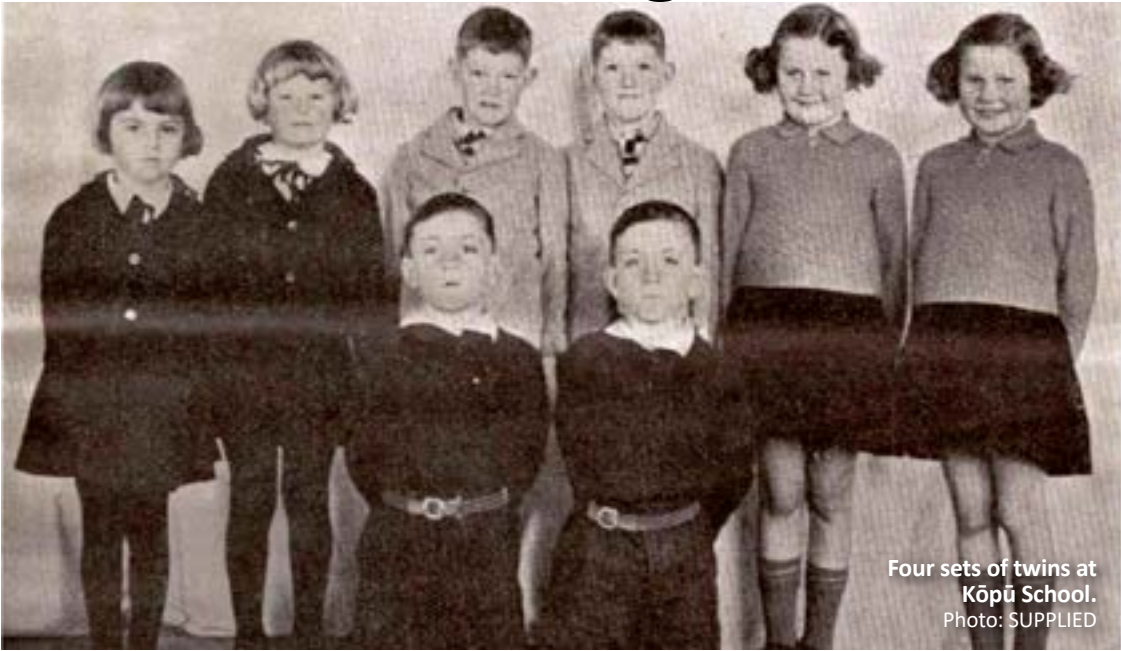
Also at Kōpū a record number of crafts were observed at the bridge in one day between the hours of 3am and 10pm.

A total of 19 vessels of all types were counted, eclipsing the previous record of shipping in the Waihou River, 14, which had been noted several years previously.

Something else appeared to be in the water at Kōpū – the small country school having four sets of twins amongst its pupils.

Meanwhile, the Thames Coast Rd was declared a menace to life and limb by resident Mr McLoughlin at a meeting of the Thames County Council.

He requested an estimate for tarsealing the road from the Thames borough bound-



Four sets of twins at Kōpū School.
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ary to Waiomu, and for sealing the length in Tapu be obtained. Metal was no use, as it was only chewed up into dust. “I would like to see the Minister of Public Works come here at present, so he could gain an idea of what the people have to put up with,” he added.

Over in Miranda, a new shell lime grinding mill had been built to replace a similar structure destroyed by fire. A large number of farmers from the district paid a visit to the works. The modern plant was seen in operation, and the farmers who examined the lime as it came from the hoppers were delighted with its fineness.

There were unlimited quantities of green shell available, and many favourable comments were made by farmers concerning the great

pastoral value of this product of the sea, which appeared to possess ingredients eagerly sought after by cattle.

In Paeroa, a country wide ‘potato famine’ had fortunately left the township untouched. Potato supply had been a problem for dealers and consumers and prices soared as stocks diminished. The South Island had no potatoes at all and an Auckland merchant declared: “We have not enough old potatoes to supply a decent boardinghouse.” However, in Paeroa old potatoes were still procurable at two pence less than Wellington and new potatoes of very fine quality were also available.

“Paeroa is very lucky,” said a man of wide experience in the fruit and vegetable trade.

“You are getting the finest quality of vegetables in New Zealand and at a price comparable with any other town too.”

Paeroa housewives had reason to be satisfied with the variety and quality of fresh vegetables available to them.

A ‘beer strike’ at Waihi was organised by the Ohinemuri Mines and Batteries’ Union in reaction to an increased price of the beverage. Waihi hotels were declared ‘black’ and a notice to this effect was served on hotel proprietors.

After a month the ‘beer strike’ was called off with the almost immediate effect that all four hotels again buzzed with activity, although for four weeks those who had frequented them had found them very dull places.

Chris’ Quiz

- Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter
1. In the book series by Arthur Conan Doyle, how many times does Sherlock Holmes say “Elementary, my dear Watson” to Dr Watson? a) Never, b) once, or c) 126 times?
 2. The phrase ‘In God We Trust’, features on which country’s currency?
 3. What is the largest species of cat? a) A cougar, b) a jaguar, or c) a Siberian tiger?
 4. Which is taller, the Chrysler Building in New York City, USA or the Sky Tower in Auckland, New Zealand?
 5. Which of these spices comes from the bark of a tree? a) Allspice, b) black pepper, or c) cinnamon?
 6. In online messaging or gaming, the acronym AFK stands for, “Away From _____”?
 7. What is the boiling point of water in Celsius at sea level?
 8. True or false: the country of Afghanistan is landlocked?
 9. Adult male fans of the My Little Pony franchise are known colloquially as a) Bronies, b) Colties, or c) Ponybros?
 10. Who painted the Mona Lisa? a) Leonardo da Vinci, b) Michelangelo, or c) Raphael?



ANSWERS: 1. a) Never. He often says the words ‘elementary’ and ‘dear Watson’, but never together. 2. United States. 3. c) A Siberian tiger. 4. The Sky Tower in NZ is 9m taller at 328m high. 5. c) cinnamon. 6. Away from keyboard. 7. 100°C. 8. True. 9. a) Bronies. 10. a) Leonardo da Vinci.



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Sighthounds step out in Paeroa as part of an international event. Photo: SUPPLIED

Locals take part in record-breaking walk

Thames Valley locals and their four-legged companions joined the worldwide celebration of sighthounds during the annual Great Global Greyhound Walk on September 28.

The international event saw more than 16,560 sighthounds step out for 659 walks across 47 countries.

Representing the rohe, the Hauraki Hounds contributed 14 greyhounds, a

whippet, and two other doggo siblings to the worldwide tally.

Local organiser and greyhound owner Marianne Hindley said they had eight first-time attendees this year, hailing from Thames, Tuhuna, Miranda, Waikino, and Matamata.

Their route started at Paeroa Park, before going along the river, to the bridge, and back through town.

Halloween Alternative to entertain

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It's almost time for children and families to get ready for the annual Halloween Alternative event at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall on October 31 from 5pm.

Attendees are invited to dress in the theme which is Every Day Heroes, and prizes will be awarded to people in the best outfits.

Organiser Bob Turlington told *The Profile* it would be his 14th year hosting the event.

The main thing he wanted people to know was that it would be a fun and

safe environment for kids and families to enjoy.

People could expect to find a carnival atmosphere with silly games such as Smack the Rat, Hot Air and the most popular game: Pick your Nose, he said.

"Every year it has the longest line."

Another popular game was the Dads Eating Contest, he said, where they'd have a race to eat things such as Weet Bix.

"We're all kids. Parents are kids too, they like to have fun."

DETAILS: Entry: gold coin; Paeroa War Memorial Hall on October 31 from 5pm to 8pm.

In Brief

HELICOPTER FLYBYS

Powerco is using a low flying helicopter to inspect sections of its rural network in the Coromandel, Hauraki and South Waikato area in October and November. The work is part of a pole top photography survey, which will take high resolution aerial photos of more than 29,000 power poles, lines and associated hardware across Powerco's North Island electricity network. This allows Powerco to assess the condition of its assets, check for any potential issues such as trees growing into lines, and fix them before they cause power cuts. The work

in the Coromandel, Hauraki and South Waikato area is planned from October 22 to November 5, however this timeframe may be extended if there's bad weather. The low flying helicopter will follow Civil Aviation Authority regulations, only flying above 300 metres in urban areas, and above 150 metres in rural areas. More info: www.powerco.co.nz/helicopter.

SUMMER CONCERTS

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Rural Life

It's time to sort bull teams

Dr Neil Murray BSVc, Farm Vet, Paeroa

With mating just around the corner, now is the time to sort your bull teams. Ideally, bulls should be on the farm at least three weeks before going out with the herd.

This allows them to work out their social hierarchy beforehand so they can focus on the cows once they are added to the herd rather than fighting each other.

Ensure that virgin bulls are used and that they are certified as BVD-free and vaccinated for Lepto and BVD. Ask specifically for documentation stating this.

A veterinary examination of bulls is recommended before they begin work.

When performing fertility checks, it's not uncommon to find bulls that are not fit for service. Common reasons for a bull to be not fit for service include small testicles, penis deformities or poor sperm viability.

The number of bulls required will depend on how many cows are likely to come on heat while the bulls are with the group.

Bulls should be used at a ratio of 1:30 for cows and 1:20 for R2 heifers.

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Rural Life

New Hauraki Gulf protections passed

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

The Hauraki Gulf Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Act was passed into law by Parliament on October 8, providing greater protections to 800km of the Gulf's sea habitats. The Act will extend the existing Te Whanganui-o-Hei/Cathedral Cove and Cape Rodney-Okakari Point marine reserves. It will also introduce five seafloor protection areas, where activities which disturb seafloor habitats are excluded; and 12 high protection areas, prohibiting commercial and recreational fishing. The Act still allows for active restoration activities with a permit, and customary rights of tangata whenua with written authorisation from a Tangata Kaitiaki (local guardian or trustee), within the protected areas. There is also provision in the Act for a limited amount of ring-net fishing within the high protection areas; however Conservation Minister Tama Potaka said the impact of this would be minimal. "Limited local ring-net fishing for common species will only be allowed in three per cent of the total protected area. This will be reviewed after

three years," he said. The Department of Conservation (DOC) said the Act would triple protection in the Gulf, from six per cent to about 18 per cent. "This will support the recovery of some of its most biodiverse regions, including its nearshore areas and deep reefs," DOC said. "The protection areas are only one part [of] the Revitalising the Gulf plan. Others are being rolled out, including fisheries measures, work to restore natural habitats and address land-based impacts." Coromandel MP Scott Simpson said it was the biggest boost to marine protection in nearly 50 years. "A healthy Hauraki Gulf is essential to our region, and this Bill ensures that it is getting the care it deserves." The Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Act is a culmination of a decade of work by iwi, environmental groups, fishers, tourism operators and other community groups, which began with the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari plan in 2013. It will come into force before the end of 2025.



An Oke garden was built at Kopuarahi School recently. Photo: SUPPLIED

Students enjoy new 'outdoor classroom'

The recent Oke Outdoor Classroom Week highlighted how learning in an outside environment strengthens the education curriculum while enhancing children's wellbeing, organisers say. The first-ever Oke Outdoor Classroom Week ran from September 15 to 19, and Kopuarahi School, which worked with Oke to build gardens in August, was quick to participate. Oke is a charity which partners with schools to build gardens for children to learn and thrive in. Principal Chris Patel said the school garden functioned as an outdoor classroom that was central to the education curriculum for her students, with everything from fractions to persuasive writing taught in outdoor spaces. "Inside, often kids get distracted and lose focus, but I find it easier to keep their attention when we're outside learning in the garden," she said. "Most kids need to move about; they need to be outside and standing up regularly. I had a student tell me that planting in the garden was one of the most satisfying things they'd ever done. "It's good for me too to get outside for a walk, it's a win-win."

Oke chief executive Paul Dickson calls them "outdoor classrooms". "There is an urgent need for all children to feel connected and we know that kids who feel connected tend to learn better," he said. "Children who struggle with inside learning, often thrive outside, while all kids benefit from the well-being aspects of learning outside." "It's good for the teachers, too. We hear from schools about the excited buzz when children learn in an outdoor classroom." **DETAILS: Email hello@oke.org.nz to learn more about Oke.**

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Time to light the match: we need the spark

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

When I was around 12, my dad had this old 44-gallon steel drum he'd turned into an incinerator. He used to burn all kinds of things in it - mostly rubber, to the horror of a few neighbours. One sunny day, with family and friends hanging out on the deck, I asked him if I could light the rubbish fire. Dad shrugged, "Yeah, sure."

Now, this wasn't your average fire-starting moment. I grabbed a full can of petrol, poured it into the incinerator, and - in a stroke of what I thought was brilliance - made a little trail of petrol leading back to where I could safely light it from a distance. My cousin, however, didn't get the memo. As I was preparing to strike the match, he was peering over the top of the barrel. And then - WHOOMP - a flame shot up the trail, into the barrel, and exploded into a

mushroom cloud of fire. My cousin was launched backward, eyebrows singed, landing flat on his back, eyes wide and ears ringing. Parents ran over in shock and panic. My cousin and I? Stunned, slightly charred... but alive. It's a ridiculous memory now - one of those "what were we thinking" kind of childhood stories. But the other day I was reflecting on it, and it hit me differently. So often in life, we prepare

and plan and line everything up just right. We pour in the fuel, lay the groundwork, talk about how we'll do it "one day". We tinker and refine and hesitate - all the while, the thing we're meant to do is ready to go. It's been ready. Maybe you've got something like that. A dream, a project, a conversation, a move. You've fuelled it with thought, time, energy - but you haven't lit the match. Yes, sometimes rushing in causes chaos - I've got the

singed cousin to prove it - but sometimes what we actually need is a spark. A bold moment where we say: I've prepared long enough. It's time. So what's your thing? Maybe today's the day you stop waiting for perfect and light the match.

Michael Wilkes is a youth worker with Thrive Trust, supporting mentoring and resilience programs across Thames and Paeroa. To support his local youth work or follow stories and insights, find him on social media @michaelwilkes.kiwi. Enjoy these articles? Grab his book The Unschooler's Life at michaelwilkes.kiwi

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- ACROSS**

1 Direct (5)

4 Sudden and unexpected event or piece of news (4,4,3,4)

14 Stairway (5)

15 Temporary repair (5)

16 Rules of personal conduct (10)

17 Intone (5)

19 Pair (3)

20 Envious (7)

21 Schedule of events (9)

22 Eternally (6)

25 Perfect (9)

27 Cleaned with water (6)

28 Climb (6)

33 Assured (10)

35 Tint (3)

36 Fiddle (6)

37 Burial chamber (4)

39 Cunning (3)

41 Occupy (7)

42 Truthful (6)

43 Easily offended or upset (9)

44 Thrusting forward movement (5)

45 Type of shark (8)

50 Myself (2)

51 Shaky (8)

55 Brazilian dance (5)

58 Highest (9)

59 Cut back (6)

60 Advantage (7)

61 Tune (3)

63 Sit for (4)

64 Flour maker (6)

65 Road danger (3)

66 Swap for (10)

68 Fume with anger (6)

69 Thrown (6)

71 Procession (9)

76 Financial plan (6)

77 Barber's accessory (9)

79 Straddling (7)

81 Take to court (3)

84 Assess (5)

85 Antibiotic drug (10)

86 Branches (5)

87 Paradox (5)

88 Writing tool improver (6,9)

89 Invited (5)

DOWN

2 Journey (6)

3 Distinguish oneself (5)

5 Monster (4)

6 On lists (anag)(7)

7 Brought up (6)

8 Mediterranean island (5)

9 Annoying inconveniences (7)

10 Reverse (4)

11 Not capable (6)

12 Unwanted garden plants (5)

13 Stun (7)

14 Father and son Austrian composers (7)

18 Grossly unconventional (10)

23 Icy rain (5)

24 Sense of regret (7)

26 Flier's fee (7)

27 Swelter (anag)(7)

29 Titillating literature, art (7)

30 Satisfy by drinking (6)

31 Tribal leader (5)

32 Enrol (4,2)

34 Fate (4)

36 Competing (5)

38 Muscular (5)

40 Grime (4)

45 Hit heavily (5)

46 Swift sharp reply (7)

47 Waves (4)

48 Not native (6)

49 Slanderous defamation (5)

50 Wedded (7)

52 Incredulity (10)

53 Voted in (7)

54 Delicately elegant (6)

55 Cheese type (7)

56 Said further (5)

57 High cards (4)

62 German submarine (1-4)

67 Lacking clarity, distinctness (7)

68 Of earthquakes (7)

70 Surgeon's knife (7)

72 Declare free from guilt (7)

73 Death (6)

74 Seller of food and household goods (6)

75 Fit for consumption (6)

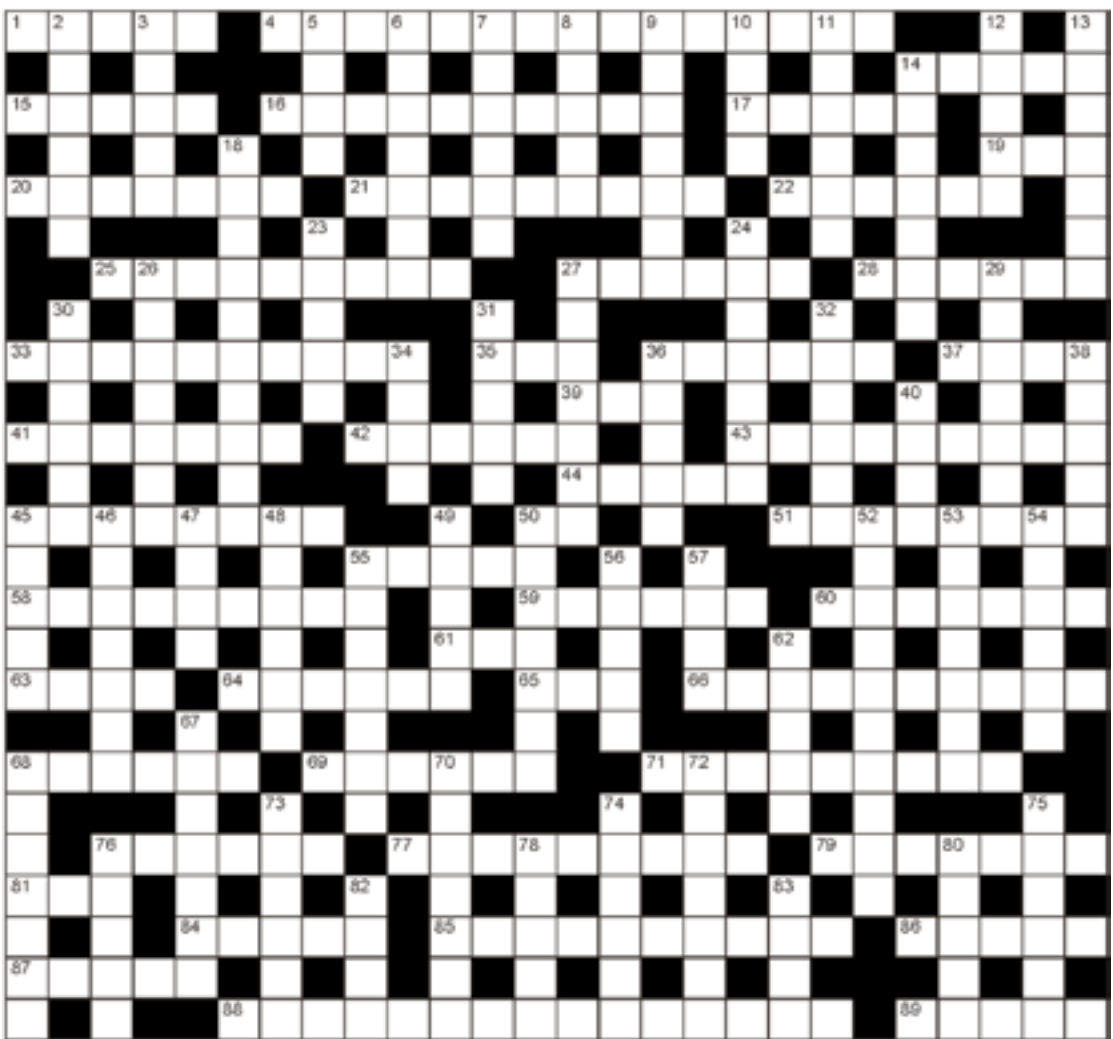
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HARRISON, Philip Thomas (Phil):
Unexpectedly, on 11th October, 2025. Dearly beloved husband of Joan. Much loved Dad of David and Holly, Bryan and Emma, and Emma and Daryl. Loved Grandad Phil of Tom and Noah; McKenzie and Leaf. Special friend of Josh and Makayla.
"Losing you is heartbreaking for Joan and your family. Rest now, your hard work is done." Honouring Phil's wishes a private family farewell has been held.



JUDD, Graeme Colin (Colin):
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RUGBY

Meads Cup Semi Final – South Canterbury v Thames Valley

For the second consecutive year Thames Valley will battle it out with Mid Canterbury for the Meads Cup.

A memorable 61-31 semi final victory over South Canterbury at Timaru last Saturday has enabled the Swamp Foxes to swoop into the final.

This time Mid Canterbury will have home advantage as the final of the Bunnings Warehouse Heartland Championship will be played at Ashburton next Saturday.

Conditions at the semi final were ideal for running rugby with South Canterbury having the advantage of a strong wind in the first half, which Thames Valley enjoyed after the break.

The crowd were entertained with a total of eleven tries being scored, all of which were converted.

Superior play enabled the Swamp Foxes to notch up seven of these tries – all converted by Quinn Collard who also kicked four penalty goals.

Aporosa Vuniyayawa, the loan player from Counties Manukau, was in dynamic form at Number 8 and scored four tries, which equals the Thames Valley record for the most tries by a player in a match.

With 26 points from his seven conversions and four penalty goals Quinn Collard has now scored 146 points so far this season which is a new Thames Valley record.

Even though Thames Valley had an advantage of territory and possession in the first half, South Canterbury made the most of their limited opportunities and at half time the score was tied at 24 all.

Immediately after the break South Canterbury broke through from their own half to score a try. With the conversion they

took the lead: 31-24.

From then on, the Swamp Foxes were in control. Sione Etoni, Finley Davenport and Logan Allen scored tries before Vuniyayawa added his final touch-down.

As well as the conversions Collard added three penalty goals, to go with one that he had kicked in the first half, and his side ended the game with a very satisfying 61-31 victory.

This was an excellent effort by Thames Valley with all twenty-three players performing at a very high level.

In the other semi final Mid Canterbury defeated a very determined Wairarapa Bush team 21-19 at Ashburton.

North Otago will host Horowhenua Kapiti in the final for the Lochore Cup.



Below: The Swamp Foxes took a comfortable 61-31 semi final win.
Top right: Aporosa Vuniyayawa.
Bottom right: Quinn Collard.
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ENTERTAINMENT



The Thames Citizens Band. SUPPLIED

Thames Citizen’s Band to play

Thames Music Group’s October Free Friday Lunchtime Concert, on Friday 24 October at 12.15 pm will feature Thames Citizens’ Band.

The Thames Citizens’ Band is 156 years old. TCB morphed out of the early Thames military bands. Time changes everything and has certainly changed the band. From brass band roots, TCB became a concert wind band with flutes, clarinet, saxophone – instruments not typically found in brass bands. The current TCB also includes a growing string section.

Linden Moyle, who conducts the band, says: “Our motley troubadours are a variety of ages, experience, and personalities.

“One of the exciting things about TCB is that several band members play multiple instruments, but the instruments they play in the band are not their primary instruments. A flautist is playing tuba, a pianist and a percussionist are each playing clarinet, a pipe organist is on euphonium, and we have multiple single-reed players swapping between clarinet and saxophone.

“This is a group of highly experienced musicians some of whom are having fun as beginners on their TCB instruments.”

For this concert Thames Citizens’ Band are playing music that notes the passing of time, using a conglomeration of tastes, genres, and styles of music. They’ll take you through delight, awe, reflection, toe-tapping, memory and whimsy.

EVENT DETAILS: Thames Music Group’s Free Friday Concert series presents Thames Citizens’ Band, Friday 24 October, at 12.15 pm, St George’s Church, cnr Mary and Mackay Streets, Thames.

Free entry, koha/donation gratefully accepted. Contact: thamesmusicgroup@yahoo.co.nz

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NEW LISTING



Whenuakite 554 Boat Harbour Road

A timeless treasure in Whenuakite

Nestled in the heart of Whenuakite, this exceptional lifestyle property offers coastal serenity, native bush, and sweeping sea views—just a short drive from the iconic Coromandel beaches. Held under an amalgamated title, it includes a 1.7030ha (more or less) section with a refurbished three-bedroom, two-bathroom home, plus a separate 8.8260ha (more or less) native bush block. The two-level home features open-plan living, a master with an ensuite, and panoramic sea views from the deck. A separate garden hut sleeps an additional 3 - 4 people (unconsented). The property is alive with native wildlife, and a track that leads to the beach and a lagoon, with great fishing spots.

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10.529_{ha} 3 1 2

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Kaiaua 10 Rua One Place

Beachfront brilliance – sophistication, style, and space

Anchored on a no-exit road, this elevated 1,557sqm (more or less) beachfront home boasts breathtaking Firth of Thames views. Built for strength, the three-bedroom, three-ensuite + toilet home features an upstairs kitchen, downstairs kitchenette, and durable materials. Expansive windows frame uninterrupted ocean vistas, while a rimu benchtop adds warmth. Solid concrete walls and native timber details ensure character and longevity. A dumbwaiter aids convenience, and a Dolomite filtration system with 75,000L water storage boosts practicality. With direct water access, subdivision potential (subject to council approval), and Airbnb appeal, this coastal gem shines.

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1,557_{sqm} 3 3

Asking Price \$1,375,000
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Thames 314 Grafton Road

On top of town

Perched atop Grafton Road on Thames’ fringe, this 47.8ha (more or less) estate, cherished for 50 years, offers two homes with total privacy. Enjoy 360 degree views of the sea, township, Hauraki Plains, and stunning sunsets. Subdivision potential is realistic (consents required), with Coromandel and Thames Coast beaches close by. The 328sqm (more or less) main five-bedroom Hinuera stone home features spacious living, double garage, and commanding outlooks. The original 119sqm (more or less) three-bedroom home with similar views awaits renovation. A three-bay shed adds scope. It’s truly a lifestyle legacy - the crown jewel of Thames. Don’t wait – call today!

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Miranda 30 Rataroa Road

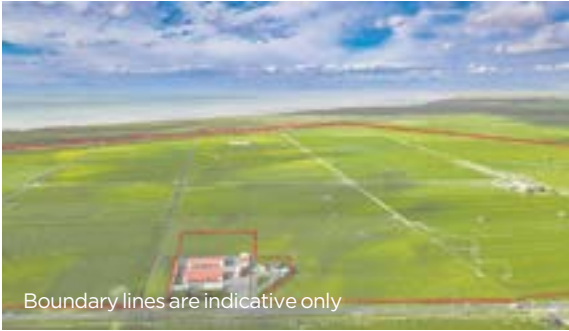
Lifestyle, income and views

Set in native bush, this 14.32ha (more or less) Miranda property offers privacy with views of the Firth of Thames and Coromandel Ranges. The 326sqm (more or less) home, built in 2002, has flowing interiors for family living or hosting. Surrounded by tracks and mature trees, including 200-year-old Kauri, there’s a 30-minute bush walk from the doorstep. The Rataroa Bush Cabin adds versatility as boutique accommodation, guest space, or office. A cedar hot tub enhances summer evenings. Inside are multiple living areas, a guest wing, master suite, two doubles, office, and bathroom, with decks blending to the bush outlook.

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Waitakaruru 156 Front Miranda Road

Coastal-rural living meets efficient dairy farming

Set on 119.47ha (STS) of flat marine clay soils in the Hauraki Plains, this productive dairy farm milks 350 cows with a two-season average of 136,000kgMS. Divided into 36 paddocks, it features a 44-bail rotary shed, 400-cow yard, full effluent system, quality water supply, and multiple support buildings. The 200sqm homestead, upgraded in 2025, includes three bedrooms, two bathrooms, an office, and a self-contained unit. Located in Waitakaruru, it's close to schools, 14km from Ngatea, 12km from Thames, under an hour to Hamilton, and 79km to Auckland Airport. A well-equipped farm offering scale, strong output, and excellent location.

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119_{ha}

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Waitakaruru 619 State Highway 25

Sun, space and sea – build in Waitakaruru

Discover the perfect spot to build your dream home or weekend retreat in sunny Waitakaruru. This 6,948sqm (more or less) north-facing section offers privacy, open space, and a close connection to nature, with the Firth of Thames just a short stroll away. With power, phone, reticulated water, and sewage at the boundary, building is made easy. Enjoy proximity to quality schools, under an hour's drive to Auckland or Hamilton, and quick access to Coromandel's beaches. Surrounded by natural beauty and local attractions like the Hauraki Rail Trail and top fishing spots, this is your chance to embrace lifestyle living with convenience and community.

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6,948_{sqm}

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Waitakaruru 165 and 253 Canal Road East and 400 Hopai West Road

Options abound, dairy farms and support block

Tenders are invited for three adjoining dairy farms near Waitakaruru, totalling (more or less) 362.7ha. Operating as one unit with three sheds under a single contract milker, they produced over 552,000kg milksolids in 2024-25, following 476,000kg the previous year. Buyers may tender for one, two, or all three farms, with scope for scale, shared resources, or collective management. Infrastructure includes feed pads, compliant effluent systems, six homes, reticulated water to 220 paddocks, and quality soils. Strong feed supply supports stock rearing, with silage reserves at settlement. Just 15km from Ngatea and about an hour from Auckland Airport.

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362.7_{ha}

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Maramarua 288 Dimmock Road

Quiet and serene

Enjoy 9,680sqm (more or less) of open space in a quiet no-exit setting, ready for your dream build. This bare land is a true blank canvas, with power at the boundary and only limited covenants, giving you freedom to create a home, shed, or layout that works for your lifestyle. Light, space, and accessibility make it ideal for modern, traditional, or everyday living. Close to Blueberry Country, Ngatea Water Gardens, Maramarua Golf Club and Miranda Holiday Park, plus good schooling nearby. Easy reach to SH2 with Pukekohe, Manukau and Hamilton all accessible. Bring your ideas and make it your own.

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9,680_{sqm}

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Hikutaia 246 Maratoto Road

Rural ready - relocated and renovated

Set near the mouth of the scenic Maratoto Valley, this modernised rural home set on 3.99ha (more or less) offers peaceful living with all major updates complete. Recently relocated onto a new subfloor, it features durable monolithic cladding, a new septic system, and a flat, easy-care section. The home includes an additional outdoor room; ideal as a studio or office, plus shedding and a storage container, perfect for hobbyists or tradespeople. Located near Thames and Paeroa in a friendly rural community, it offers easy access to the Hauraki Rail Trail and other local attractions. A practical lifestyle opportunity not to be missed.

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Waerenga 49 Awaroa Road

Country with town convenience

See the scope of this 8,000sqm (STS) block in Waerenga. Bring your ideas and design vision—this property won't last given its contour, location, and realistic seller. Build a home of your choice, from a large residence to a compact dwelling, with space for lawns, a pool, shed, and landscaping. Established trees frame the property, while power is available at the boundary and a Geotech report supports your planning (mild covenants apply). Set in the Waerenga community, just 15km to Te Kauwhata and close to main routes, Hamilton, Auckland Airport, and the Coromandel. Zoned for Te Kauwhata College, with Hauraki Plains College within reach.

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8,000 sqm

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Waihi 183 Ngatitangata Road

Elevated luxury with panoramic views

This stunning three-level luxury home, completed in Dec 2022, offers off-grid living with panoramic views over Mayor Island, Golden Valley, Waihi, and beyond. Set on 10.9ha (STS) of native bush and pasture, it features Abodo timber cladding, a Colorsteel roof, and a saltwater pool added in 2024. The central level boasts a premium kitchen, open-plan living with wood burner, master suite with ensuite and walk-in wardrobe, a fourth bedroom/office, and an outdoor studio. Upstairs is a private lounge; the lower level includes two bedrooms, Jack and Jill bathroom, storage, and double garage. Extras include underfloor heating, lift, solar, and heat pump water system. View today!

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Tairua 3 Aldermen Lane

Lifestyle at the beach - must be sold!

This property is going to auction, and with the vendors facing a change of circumstance, they are ready to move on. This near-new home in the private Aldermen Lane subdivision is to be sold under the hammer, unless sold prior!

Settled among landscaped greenery, the home's contemporary design is as captivating as its surroundings. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms include a master suite with walk-in wardrobe and ensuite with underfloor heating. The extra-deep double garage offers room for cars, boats, or even a home office or playroom, while additional flat on-site parking makes family living easy.

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Hauraki hoorah

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The sun beamed down on the final rugby league game of the season for the Hauraki Tigers Gold team on September 20 at Bedford Park, Matamata. Family and friends showed out to support the group of under-11-year-olds, who played with heart and soul for the last hoorah against the United Matamata Sports Club Storm team. Coach Brons Walters said he enjoyed seeing the kids grow and learn different skills during the season. They showed up with

smiles and enjoyed the sport, he said. Team manager Sam Fenton told *The Profile* the culture within rugby league was something truly special and she felt privileged to be part of the Hauraki Tigers Club for the season. "Our team has been amazing. We had a great mix of experienced players and first-timers, and the teamwork and dedication they showed was inspiring." It was a team effort with parents who stepped in to help when needed, she said. "A huge thanks to all that made this season possible."



Jessie Wilton, left, and Ollie Silvester make a run for it.



Kupa King Ranger defends the ball.



Kane Magon prepares for a big kick.



Crue Dawson, left, and Isaiah Walters charge through their opponents.



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All smiles from the Hauraki Tigers Gold team for 2025.



Nehemiah Bennett scores a try.



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