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Mucking in at calf club

Seven-year-old Freya relaxes with her calf Daisy at the Waihi schools' Group Calf Club Day. Schoolchildren across the region have been doing the same, as they attend Calf Clubs with their calves, lambs, and goats. See pages 7-9 for more. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

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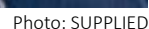


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Volunteers restore vandalised lookout

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

Vandals trashed a new lookout in Moanataiari, snapping the picnic seats, scrawling graffiti, and toppling mānuka trees, but within days, the Thames Environmental Alliance had already rallied to repair the damage.

Daniel Miller was alerted to the vandalism on September 28, and believed it occurred the day before. He said it was frustrating to find such “senseless vandalism” of a project built through hard work and enjoyed by the community.

“It wasn’t just done on a whim either,” he said. “The table was solidly built and would have taken considerable effort to smash.”

When Daniel arrived at the lookout to scope out the damage, he found all four picnic seat planks snapped and thrown down the hill. The table top had also been graffitied with marker and burn marks; a number of mānuka trees next to the table had been pushed over; and a water container left to water the plants had been emptied and thrown down the hill. A fence at the car park had also been pushed over.

But despite the extent of the damage, repairs began almost immediately.

A community member - who



Photos show the picnic table at the Moanataiari Lookout near Thames before, left, and after the vandalism.

wishes to remain anonymous - donated the materials needed to fix the table, and on October 8, Daniel - who has been driving the Thames Environmental Alliance’s Moanataiari track project - hauled them up to the lookout and completed the repair.

The project started one year ago with volunteers clearing the entrance to the Moanataiari

Link Track.

Overgrown with tree privet, tradescantia, morning glory, honeysuckle and more, the group removed rubbish and weeds, spreading thick mulch, and planting.

The track has since been officially handed over to the Department of Conservation, which has installed signposts and a boot washing station.

“We encourage everyone to enjoy and respect the area, keeping it tidy and free of litter,” Daniel said. “We plan to have more working bees in future to continue our weed control work and native planting - anyone interested in helping out can sign up for updates on our website and follow us on Facebook.”

The lookout can be accessed from either the end of Moana-

tairi Creek Road (at the mountain bike track carpark) or Waiotahi Road (via the Waiotahi Track).

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From 1 December 2025:

- Hauraki District residents and ratepayers will pay discounted Gate Fees and Charges set by Council.
- Out-of-district users will pay the new standard Gate Fees and Charges.
- To get the discounted Gate Fees and Charges your vehicle number plate must be registered with Council.
- Once your vehicle is registered, the weighbridge system will automatically recognise your number plate and apply the correct charge.

How do I register my vehicle?

Online: Visit www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz, click Do it Online, and complete the registration form.

22 October – 1 December 2025: Contact our friendly Waste Management Team on 07 862 5030 or visit our pop-up sessions at our Paeroa and Waihi RTS, and Ngātea Recycling and Greenwaste collection centre (dates to be advertised in advance).

From 1 December 2025: Visit Hauraki District Council Service Centres or call 07 862 8609 or freephone 0800 734 834.

Processing time for vehicle registration: Please register three working days before visiting the Refuse Transfer Station as digital records take 48 hours to update.

What if you don't register

If your vehicle isn't registered, the weighbridge will automatically apply the 'out-of-district' Gate Fees and Charges.

Why are we making this change?

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The Waihi RTS is busier than ever, with vehicle and foot traffic reaching capacity.

The new site will provide a dedicated recycling-only facility, making it quicker and easier for residents to recycle responsibly.

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Musical Maestros

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

Paeroa’s Elim Church was a smorgasbord of colourful costumes, imaginative items and heartfelt tributes, as students from Goldfields School took to the stage for their music production extravaganza on September 17.

Dubbed the “Musical Maestros of Goldfields”, the show was a chance for students to experience performing for friends and whānau. The items were carefully chosen to allow each student to shine according to their own abilities. Some danced or sang in groups, some performed solos or played instruments, and there were even jokes, a magic trick, a cooking skit and a live-action dinosaur sculpture creation.

The show opened with a slideshow dedicated to seven-year-old Rikaia

Kiwikiwi, who died on September 12. “He was one of our brightest students and his smile lit up the school,” principal Cam McKenzie said. “That’s how we’re going to remember him.”

Other slideshows throughout the event showcased the students’ hard work in the classroom.

Preparation for the show took several months, with students needing to spend time becoming accustomed to the venue and stage as well as working hard on their items.

“The students love doing it,” Cam said. “It does help with the students getting used to new environments, but we never know how they will react on the day. We do it for their whānau - they get to see how hard they’ve worked, and see them on the stage even just for a short time.”



A cool and confident performance under the spotlight.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



The transition class’ take on the Carpool Karaoke TV series.



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Child’s death one of many water well tragedies



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

Four-year-old Isidora Campbell wanted to go to the well but her grandmother, Mary, told her she was not to as she might fall in.

The pair lived in a little cottage on the Golden Calf spur between the Moanatairi and Waiotahi creeks at Thames.

Isidora was in the care of her grandmother, her single mother being currently at Te Aroha.

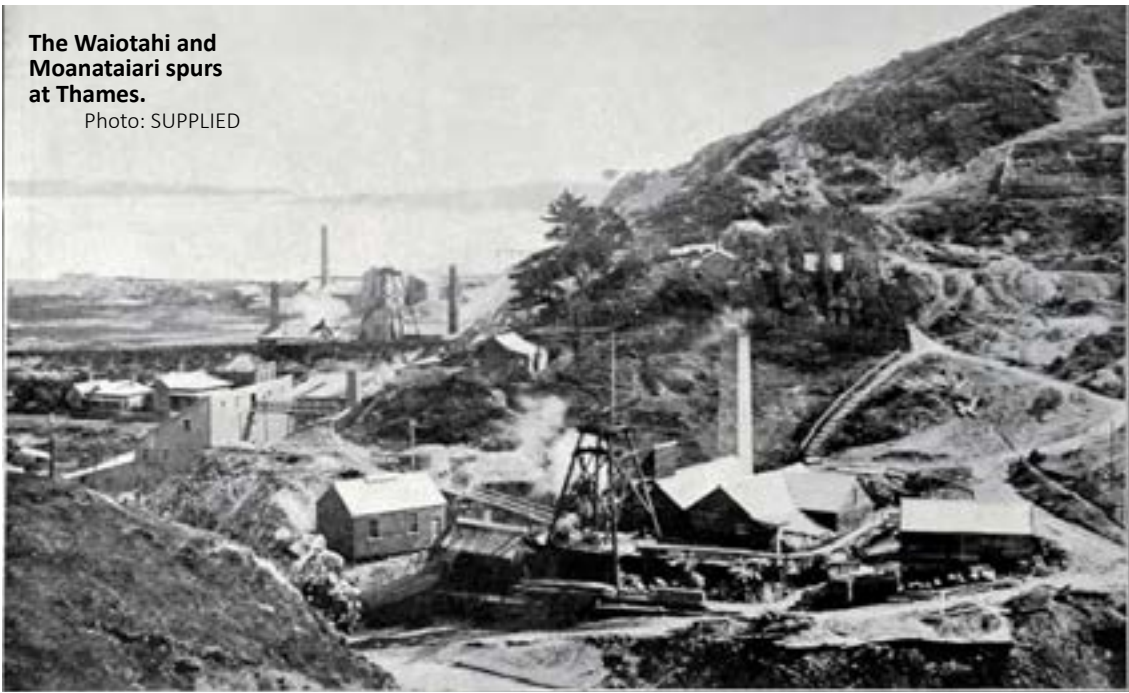
Mary was very fond of the child but she had to repeatedly warn her not to go near the well, which was in a gully about 40 yards distant from the cottage.

On this February afternoon in 1884, Isidora left the cottage taking two little cans and a small doll.

After a lapse of a minute or two Mary became anxious and went to the door and called her.

She received a distinct reply but a moment later the little girl had disappeared from sight and sound.

Mary immediately ran down to the well but could not see



her there.

She noticed one of the cans full of water on the edge of the well as well as the small doll Isidora had been holding.

Mary asked Mr Rowe and Joseph Cloutt who were nearby if they had seen a little girl. They replied they had not, and Mary cried out that the child must be down the well.

On the surface of the well, which was between three and four feet deep, floated the other small can Isidora had been holding. The water was not clear, and nothing could be seen.

Mr Greenslade came running out with a rake and eventually Mr Power pulled Isidora out of

the well with it. Someone went for a doctor, but they could not find one. Artificial respiration was tried on the child without success. Isidora was taken to her grandmother’s cottage, where she would remain until the inquest. She had been a fine, healthy child, and Mary was much affected by her death.

The well was in a very dangerous position and had been a source of anxiety to residents in the vicinity.

Mr Greenslade had fitted wooden coverings over it several times but they were regularly removed by others and used as firewood.

A metal plate recently placed over it was seldom replaced by

those using the well.

The inquest found that Isidora had accidentally drowned, adding a rider that the hole should be filled up at once, to prevent a recurrence of similar mishaps.

Children falling into wells happened fairly frequently at Thames. There were several narrow escapes and dramatic rescues as well as tragedies.

Mothers jumped into wells to save children and in one case the mother drowned also. Despite stern advice that “property owners should see to their wells”, these death traps to small children remained.

Isidora was buried at Shortland cemetery, Thames.

Chris’ Quiz

- Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parmenter
1. The UK famously ran an online poll in 2016 to name a polar scientific research ship, where the name Boaty McBoatface received 33% of the vote. What was the boat ultimately named? a) Boaty McBoatface, b) HMS Margaret Thatcher, or c) RRS Sir David Attenborough?
 2. Which member of Ozzy Osbourne’s family recorded a cover of Madonna’s *Papa Don’t Preach* in 2002? a) Jack, b) Kelly, or c) Sharon?
 3. Emma Watkins from the Australian children’s group ‘The Wiggles’ performed in which colour?
 4. The three types of rat in New Zealand are Kiore, Ship Rat and what other? a) Denmark Rat, b) Norway Rat, or c) Swedish Rat?
 5. In which small country would you find the Sistine Chapel?
 6. Lyrics in the rap song *Doot Doot* by Skrilla has led to which number based meme? a) 41, b) 4:20, or c) 6-7?
 7. The new mayor of Thames-Coromandel, taking over from predecessor Len Salt, is Peter a) Rendell, b) Revell, or c) Rowell?
 8. True or false: taxonomically, all plant families end in the suffix -aceae?
 9. In which year did New Zealand introduce Carless Days? a) 1959, b) 1969, or c) 1979?
 10. In the final scene of the movie *Grease*, characters Danny and Sandi drive off in their car: a) into the distance via road, b) up into the air above the clouds into the sunset, or c) down under the sea with fish swimming past?
- ANSWERS:** 1. c) RRS Sir David Attenborough; 2. b) Kelly; 3. Yellow; 4. b) Norway Rat; 5. True; 6. c) 6-7; 7. c) Revell; 8. True. All exceptions have been changed to fit, eg. Composite to Asteraceae; 9. c) 1979; 10. b) up into the air above the clouds into the sunset.



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Hato Hone St John Thames

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Matatoki School students with their lambs at the Ohinemuri Group Day.
Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

Hundreds compete at calf club

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

The arrival of spring brings with it calf club season, and students around Hau-raki have been preparing for the big day. Individual school calf clubs have been taking place over the past few weeks, with several schools, including Netherton and Kaihere, holding theirs at the end of term three. At Ngatea Primary School, the field was filled with animals and onlookers for the school's calf club on October 15. Around 100 students were involved this year - a third of the school. Calf club committee member Michael Webster said the Ngatea calf club was the main event on the school's calendar. "It's one of the biggest calf clubs in the Waikato. There's over 20 judges and stewards that are giving up their time, plus the sponsors that get in behind it as well," he said. "And the best thing is it's not just farmers. [The school is] quite a mix of town and country."

Principal Neil Fraser agreed, saying the event was the culmination of lots of hard work and organisation from parents and the calf club committee. "We've got some

farmers who allow children to come and do a calf club on their farm, so we've got a lot of town children who manage to have calves. "And [the committee] came down yesterday in the absolute pouring rain to set things up. It's a huge hands-on event for them," he said. Meanwhile, interschool Group Day events were also on the schedule for Waihi and Ohinemuri schools - but not in the Plains. This is the first year the Plains Group Day has not been held. Neil said he didn't know why the combined schools event was not going ahead, but suspected it had been on a slow decline for a while. "Usually if a school can't do it, it just shifts to the next person, so I'm not too sure what happened there," he said. "But if you go to Group Day, you'll find it's mostly [Ngatea] kids. So it'll be interesting to see what happens next year." Calf club organisers declined to comment. Attendance was high at the other interschool events, with the Ohinemuri Group Day taking place at Hikutaia School on October 10, and Waihi East School hosting the Waihi Group Day on October 16.

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Ellie, 4, and Indy, 6, with lambs Rosie and Marshmallow.



Holly from Hikutaia with calf Bluey.



Jessica and Oreo the calf. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



Jacob, 4, with Simon the calf.



Bianca and Lamby spruce up for the show ring.

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Rural Life



Liam and Poppy the calf.



Jesse and Mahalia with their pets.



Carrie-Anne and Coco.



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Charlotte, 7, with Sprinkles.



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Teigan Lange’s talented tumble

GYMNASTICS

Teigan Lange has made her mark at the 2025 XP Gymnastics Nationals, placing third in her tumbling qualifier group and gaining her a finals spot of eighth overall in the 15 years and over category across New Zealand.

The event, which took place at Auckland’s Trusts Arena on September 23-27, saw Teigan, who trains at Thames Gymsports, representing the Waikato tumbling team.

Coach Natasha Noble said Teigan’s performance showcased not only her skill and athleticism but also her unwavering determination and grit.

“As the first athlete from Thames Gymsports - a small rural gymnastics club - to compete at this national level, Teigan’s achievement is particularly significant,” Natasha said.

“She stands as a strong inspiration to the young athletes within the club, showing them what dedication and perseverance can accomplish.”

Teigan trained intensively, Natasha said, pushing her limits and refining her tumbling techniques to give a standout performance on the national stage.

Alongside Natasha, Teigan’s journey has been supported by a collaborative coaching team in-



cluding input from coaches at Argos Gymsports and the Waikato Tumbling Coaching team.

“It’s been fantastic to be able to pull together this awesome support network, but at the end of the day it is Teigan’s own talent, focus and perseverance that have truly driven her success. I am so incredibly proud of her growth this year both as an athlete and on a personal level,” Natasha said.

Teigan is continuing her competitive tumbling journey, and is now aiming to secure a scholarship from Gymnastics New Zealand to attend the Ollerup School of Gymnastics in Denmark in 2027.

“Thames Gymsports and the wider gymnastics community are immensely proud of her and look forward to following her journey ahead.”



Teigan competes at the nationals. Photos: SUPPLIED



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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



Election: returning faces and new blood for Thames

Congratulations to all of our successful election candidates who will form our new Council governance teams.

At time of printing, preliminary results showed Peter Revell won the mayoralty with 3669 votes compared to incumbent mayor Len Salt who gained 2993.

The Mayor-elect shared his congratulations to successful candidates and thanked voters.

Revell says this is a time to come together – to listen, to engage and to act. He has chosen Councillor John Grant to be Deputy Mayor.

“I’m excited about what we can achieve by working collaboratively across our communities, iwi partners, local businesses and community organisations.”



In Thames, new Councillor Greg Hampton joins Council, alongside returning Councillors Robyn Sinclair and Martin Rodley.

The Thames Community Board sees the return of members Adrian Catran, Holly MacKenzie and Rob Johnston, with the addition of new member Cole McDowell.

The inaugural Council meeting is scheduled for 31 October, when elected members will be formally sworn in for service. The meeting is public.

tcdc.govt.nz/councilmeetings



STUDENTS DIVE INTO MARITIME ACTION AT KŌPŪ WHARF

About 200 local students from around 15 schools got hands-on experience with the Police Maritime Unit Deodar 111 at Kōpū Marine Precinct this month.

Highlights included jumping aboard Police and Harbourmaster boats in the water and enjoying a sausage sizzle provided by the Rapid Relief Team.

The day offered a fun, close-up look at teamwork and Police and maritime operations keeping New Zealand’s waters safe. It celebrated students who always strive to do their best, but don’t always get recognised.

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

SPECIAL LICENCES CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR

Are you planning an event over the Christmas – New Year period that will require a Special Licence for alcohol?

Check out our website for when you need a licence and how to go about it. tcdc.govt.nz/alcohol

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- Late applications won't be accepted.

KŌPŪ WHARF PUBLIC ACCESS TRIAL

Take advantage of the last three days of the Kōpū Commercial Wharf public access trial this Labour Weekend. The wharf’s open from 9am until 5pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Use the pedestrian access gate next to the recreational ramp parking (via King Street). Please take extreme care and follow the signage. Children must be supervised by adults.

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SH25 Boundary Creek

SH25 will be closed at Boundary Creek Bridge, north of Te Mata, for seven days from 5am on Wednesday 29 October as NZTA Waka Kotahi contractors demolish the old deck and install the new one.

To get north of the bridge, use the eastern side of SH25 via Whitianga. Going south, it'll be the reverse.

Kerbside collections are a day later after Labour Day. Pick-up times of day may vary from usual due to the road detour.

SH25A NOVEMBER CLOSURES

A reminder from NZTA Waka Kotahi that SH25A will be closed from Kōpū to near Hikuaui for two weeks from 10 November, Monday to Saturday 8am–5pm.

Any vehicles on SH25A by 8am will be let through, although there may be delays. The highway will open after 5pm under stop-go.

The detour using SH25/SH2/SH26 adds about one hour to travel time.

For more information on both SH25 and SH25a, visit nzta.govt.nz/thames-coromandel



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7 Clarke Street

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Cosy Elevated Cottage with Views

Positioned on a generous 1047sqm (approx.) section, this delightful two-bedroom cottage + study is bursting with warmth, character, and opportunity. Elevated for privacy and framed by leafy surrounds, it's a home that feels like a little escape. Plus two entertaining decks.

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New Listing



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Waihi
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New Listing



Waihi
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A Family Favourite

This renovated three-bedroom, two-bathroom home blends classic character with modern comfort. Polished native floors, a stylish kitchen, and bright living spaces with wood burner and heat pump. A covered deck overlooks the fenced 1009sqm (approx.) section.

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Waihi
12 Albert Street

3 1 1 2

A Great Option as a First Home or Investment

This charming home sits on a fully fenced 910 sqm section (approx.) and is packed with potential. With three bedrooms, a modern bathroom, and a light-filled open plan living, dining, and kitchen area perfect for family life or entertaining. The lounge is warm and welcoming all year round with a cosy fireplace and heat pump. Established private gardens.

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Waihi
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Freedom, Space & Natural Beauty- Lifestyle Section

Looking for land with options? This generous 3435 sqm (approx.) lifestyle section is positioned on the fringe of Waihi town, offering options, peace, privacy, and rural views. No covenants bring your vision.

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Waihi
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Motivated, Make an Offer!

The vendor wants this sold, so a fabulous opportunity to secure this land is right now. Offering 2 hectares (approx.) of elevated land, this lifestyle block has stunning views over Waihi, a nice spot to create your very own retreat. Nestled away in a secluded location, this property is ideal for those wanting privacy and off-grid living. No covenants. Whether you're dreaming of a small escape or a future haven, this is an opportunity to make it happen. Contact Dynasty to view.

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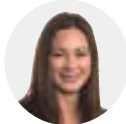
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Step inside and be impressed, this stylish home has been renovated to feel like new with double glazing and a central heat pump, warm, comfortable living you will love. With a marvelous modern finish throughout, it's all been done for you. Simply move in and enjoy! Featuring three generous bedrooms, the main bedroom has a double wardrobe. This home offers smart design and relaxed comfort. The open plan living and dining room flow easily into a stylish entertainer's kitchen equipped with brand new appliances. The bathroom offers a shower and vanity, and there are two separate toilets at each end of the home for ease and convenience. Make the move here, first home or investment a smart choice.

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New Listing



Waihi

42E Mataura Road

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Low-Maintenance Living, Rural Outlook

Tucked away down a private ROW, this low maintenance three bedroom, two bathroom home offers easy living in a peaceful setting. Set on a 765sqm (approx.) section, it features a covered outdoor area for entertaining and garden sheds for storage.

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Waihi

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Waihi
6 George Street

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Easy No Fuss Living

This 2017 modern two-bedroom J2 home offers a smart design and relaxed living all set against the peaceful backdrop of Gilmour Reserve. Step into a sunny, open-plan living space. The spacious lounge is filled with natural light and warmed by a fireplace, perfect for cosy nights in or entertaining friends. A front deck extends the living space. At the heart of the home is a modern kitchen, complete with Bosch appliances, a generous breakfast bar, and plenty of bench space.

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Waihi

117 Bulltown Road

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Family Lifestyle Convenient to town

Positioned on 4044 sqm (approx.) with well-established grounds and gardens. The main dwelling features three spacious bedrooms and a family bathroom. The open-plan lounge has a fireplace, a heat pump, and a heat transfer. Plus a studio with a bathroom.

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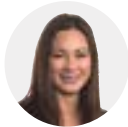
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3084 sqm (approx.) of Pure Potential

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Character, Space and Potential

This four bedroom character home could be just the opportunity you've been waiting for. Set on a fully fenced section of 2023m2 (more or less), this home offers loads of space. For sale as is where is. Zoned industrial, offers options.

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10 Richmal Street

Sunny Section Secure Before Summer

Private position on the outskirts of town, find this 1722 sqm (approx.) fenced section with a gated entrance and an established orchard, no covenants means flexibility to decide what to build. This is a lovely spot to secure. Bring your vision. Call Dynasty to view.

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Found high on the hillside in a well admired area of Waihi, this stunning lifestyle property offers a front-row seat to some of the most breathtaking sunrises you'll ever experience. Set against a backdrop of sweeping rural views that stretch endlessly across the horizon, this is serenity, privacy, and elevated living at its very best.

Designed with both style and functionality in mind, the home boasts sleek lines and polished concrete floors that anchor the lower level. The heart of the home is the expansive open-plan lounge, dining, and kitchen – a true entertainer's hub. Stacker doors open wide to frame the views on every side, seamlessly blending indoors with outdoors creating the perfect space to host friends and family.

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Ian Hughes leads the final song. RIGHT: Barbara Durant belts out with Janice Calhoun in support.

Country harmonies

A wave of melodies and harmonies drifted through the air at the Ngatea War Memorial Hall last month. The Hauraki Country Music Club hosted its monthly group, where they encouraged people to not only cruise along and listen to the music, but also to step up to the microphone and share a tune or two. President Glen Rookes said sessions were on the third Saturday of every month from 12pm to 4pm, except for December. Reporter DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA was there to catch the rhythm.



Lorraine and Warren Te Amo sing a duet.

Fresh tunes of Sophie Songbird

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

If there's one thing people can look forward to from a Sophie Songbird gig: "they can expect to feel refreshed".

It's something music-lovers will have the opportunity to witness as the songstress is set to wrap up her *Topliss in the Garden Picking Flowers* tour at the Secret Garden in Waihi Beach at 5pm on October 25.

The music-maker of South Taranaki told *The Profile* the tour so far had been fulfilling. "Most of the music I'm playing is newly written and unreleased. It's been really fun to experiment and relish in the freshness of these songs. "Writing and performing this music brings me immense joy."

Sophie's tour kicked off on October 2 and included places such as Ōakura, Raglan, Auckland, Nelson, Levin, Kapiti, Wellington and Mount Maunganui.

But Sophie had an idea for the final show: "I'm planning to record the Waihi [Beach] gig and potentially release it as a live album."

Sophie, who was also part of Aotearoa band Dr. Reknaw, made her solo music debut on September 19 with the release of her latest single *Topliss Picking Flowers*: a



dreamy fusion of classic country charm and smooth Hawaiian tones.

Not only was the track inspired by euphoric afternoons spent in the garden, topless, under the South Taranaki sun - it was entirely self-recorded and produced by Sophie, and mixed and mastered by SEREBIL.

The songbird said the act of "returning to just me and my guitar" felt like a deeply refreshing homecoming. "The energy is lighthearted and playful, and I'm genuinely excited to see how people connect with it."

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Roofman (125 mins) M. Comedy & unbelievable true story. Follows a struggling father who robs McDonalds restaurants by cutting holes in their roofs, earning him the nickname: Roofman. After escaping prison, he secretly lives inside a Toys "R" Us for 6 months, surviving undetected while planning his next move.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (100 mins) M. 50th anniversary screenings. A newly engaged couple have a breakdown in an isolated area and must pay a call to the bizarre residence of Dr. Frank-N-Furter.

Devils on Horses (90 mins) E. Documentary. Set against the brutal backdrop of the Sinai-Palestine campaigns in WWI, this powerful story reveals the unbreakable bond between soldiers and their horses. Received a Special Mention for Best Feature (New Zealand) at Doc Edge Awards 2025.

Prime Minister (102 mins) M. Going behind the scenes of her administration and her private life, PRIME MINISTER follows Dame Jacinda Adern for seven years. Intimate home footage shot by her husband and audio interviews that she did while in office give us unparalleled access.

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (123 mins) PG. The Crawley family and their staff enter the 1930s. They must navigate how to lead Downton Abbey into the future and embrace change.

NEXT WEEK: Pike River (131 mins) M. Melanie Lynskey and Robyn Malcolm star as two ordinary women who stand up and take on the government, justice system and a company after the 2010 Pike River Mine explosion takes the lives of 29 men. A film about power, people vs. money, right vs. wrong. An inspiring true story of an incredible female friendship and together what is possible when you simply won't give up.

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When the shortcut becomes the long cut

OPINION

By MICHAEL WILKES

I was about 10 years old, out tramping in the Kaimai Ranges with my dad, my brother, and my uncle.

It was an epic trip. Adventure, rivers, bush - everything a young kid could ask for. But we didn't all come out the same way we went in. My uncle walked out limping, having taken a ricochet rock to the ankle - courtesy of my

brother's over-enthusiastic river chucking. And me? I looked like I'd stepped out of a cartoon, head bandaged up, hobbling like a wounded soldier. It all happened near a bridge. We needed water, so my brother and I took the little track down to the river. He filled the bottles while I looked for a faster way up - because, of course, everything was a competition back then. That's when I saw it. A block foundation under the bridge, covered in green slime,

steep but climbable... or so I thought. He had the bottles, but I was going to beat him to the top. Halfway up, things were going well. Near the top, I reached forward - and slipped. My forehead slammed straight into the rock. I grabbed my head and when I pulled my hand away, it was bright red and dripping. When I got back to Dad, dazed and bleeding, he just looked at me and shook his head. And that moment stuck with me.

See, shortcuts can be brilliant... but sometimes they come at a cost. In life, we often try to push the pace - in our careers, our relationships, our goals. We want results now. But sometimes, in our rush, we miss the safer track. We bypass wisdom and end up flat on our face, hurting ourselves or others in the process. It's not that taking action is wrong. Far from it - I'm a big fan of momentum. But it's about knowing which action to take. The wise ones take time

to assess: Is this shortcut really saving time, or will it cost me more in the long run? So before you go chasing the fast way forward - stop, breathe, and check your footing. Because sometimes, the shortcut becomes the long cut. *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 Unschooled Life at michaelwilkes.kiwi*



Foodies

The Cheese Barn — A taste of the Hauraki Heartland

Nestled between Thames and Paeroa, just 5km from Kopu, The Cheese Barn is one of those rare places that captures the charm of rural New Zealand while serving up some of the finest local flavours around. Perfectly positioned along the Hauraki Rail Trail, it's a favourite stop for cyclists and day-trippers alike - a place where good coffee, award-winning cheese, and a relaxed country atmosphere come together beautifully. The café uses locally roasted Coffee LaLa beans and organic milk processed on-site, making every cup a smooth, authentic experience. But coffee is just the beginning. The Cheese Barn's real pride is in its artisan cheese and yoghurt, all made on site from organic A2 milk. If you have a sweet tooth, the homemade Gelato and Sorbet Ice Creams are a must-try. Crafted from organic milk and cream, these indulgent treats are only sold on site, served in cones, tubs, or atop a Belgian waffle - a real treat. The breakfast menu is served on weekends from 9am to midday. The popular Big Barn Breakfast has bacon, eggs, mushrooms, sausages, hash browns, toast, and their



The Cheese Barn café is BYO licensed so you can savour a glass of wine alongside a cheese board or pizza under the shade of a tree. Photo: SUPPLIED

own award-winning halloumi. Eggs Benedict is another favourite. The Cheese Barn is open six days a week, closed Mondays, and welcomes guests from 9am to 4pm (with the kitchen closing at 3:30pm). During the summer months, check their Facebook page for updates on public holiday openings.

The café is BYO licensed so you can savour a glass of wine alongside a cheese board or pizza under the shade of a tree. There are also farm animals like alpacas, goats, guinea pigs and rabbits to pat and feed. The Cheese Barn is as much a family experience as it is a foodie destination. - Supplied by The Cheese Barn



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There was something about the road-side villa on the outskirts of Thames that caught the eye of Kathryn Engebretsen and Marti Wong.

The couple from Hamilton, who are both full-time artists, said they'd driven past the Haven St house on their way to Whangapoua for about 25 years.

"It was the most run-down, peculiar house. But [there's] something about it - I just always liked it," Kathryn told *The Profile*.

When the pair saw that the villa was for sale five years ago - they decided to purchase it with a goal to restore it to its "former glory".

Even though friends and family told them "you're making a huge mistake" - the visionaries could see its potential.

It wasn't their first rodeo either, the home owners had experience in renovations as their previous house was built in the 1940s and the one before it was a 1920s railway house.

Not only was the Haven St house the one with the "most work we've had to do", the house restorers believed it was also the oldest house they'd worked on.

"I reckon this place was actually [built in the] late 1870s or early 1880s.

"We don't have any proof, but that's kind of what we've heard. Officially it's 1890s, but we can't find any paperwork," they said.

It's hard to imagine a derelict house, when the Haven St home that stands before me resembles something from a storybook.

A light blue hue-coated homestead with a red rooftop greets me with the friendliest welcome - a polite host. Double hung sash windows

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A save haven

A classic 1800s kauri villa on Haven St in Thames has been lovingly restored: 'It's definitely a happy house now'. Feature writer DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA takes the grand tour



Kathryn Engebretsen and Marti Wong are proud of their home restoration.
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give way to the light. Prim and proper fretwork embellishes the porch trim, while a veranda wraps around the front of the house and disappears down the side.

There's no indication of neglect or ruin, but according to the seasoned home renovators "it was [in] a pretty bad state when we bought it".

A photo from before the renovation work began reveals a tired, cream coloured house.

"It had the original paint. It had only ever been painted once, the creamy color. And the previous people had done half of the back, but I think they'd only put undercoat on it," they said.

"Lead paint must last forever. I actually quite liked it when it was old like that. It had a patina."

It was clear the project was not for the faint of heart.

Damage from an axe in a bedroom door, missing architraves that allowed daylight to stream into the house and mould and rot riddled throughout were some of the challenges they faced.

"There was so much work to be done. We had to put on all the architraves, all the skirting. We got these [architraves] from our friend's flat. He took a whole wall out of his kitchen, so we scored these," they said.

The first task, however, kicked off before the family lived on the premises.

"We started by sanding the floors before we even shifted in. And we had to scrape off those old 50s tiles. Those formica tiles



The Haven St property before renovation work began. RIGHT: The balcony off the bedroom, the lounge and original clawfoot bath.



were tar sealed down. So we literally had a spade and were scooping up these tiles off the tar, and then we had to scrape the tar off by hand with the scrapers," Marti said.

I walk barefoot down the hallway toward the front door made of Kauri timber, while wooden floors beneath my feet tell tales of its past.

"This is the door they'd [previous tenants] use as a dartboard. So there was a circle here where they had the board and then dart holes all the way around it where they'd miss the board," Marti said.

"But it's got original glass, so this is the gold-lined glass. It's got the red in it. And the handle goes sideways instead of turning."

I can't take my eyes off the slightly-ajar bedroom door to my right with an intriguing scar.

"This was the axe wound in the door. It was a big axe, so literally someone had put an axe through it. I filled that in, but I didn't fully sand it back. But hey, that's a bit of history."

Behind the door is a bedroom with a fireplace, and french doors that open out on to a balcony.

Kathryn and Marti said the

mantle above the fireplace was rusted and falling away when they moved in. "They must have had like a hundred photos on the wall because it was just full of holes, or another dartboard situation. And none of these skirtings were on."

"You could see through to the outside."

Birds used to nest in the ceiling of the bedroom because there was a big hole right to the outside, they said.

"It's been an interesting journey of just restoring the energy."

French doors open out on to a small balcony on the side of the

room. The first owners would have had beach views from the balcony, Kathryn said.

"This [house] was built before any of these other houses. And, you know, the beach would have been just there."

When the couple shifted in, they said people referred to it as the Potterton's house, as the family owned it for around 40 years.

The couple shared a post about the house on social media, which helped connect them with a relative of the Christie family, who were the first owners.

"She came a couple months later and was telling me that it was her grandparent's house and that her father-in-law was coming here as a boy. They owned it for 60 years."

Across the hallway sits a room filled with musical instruments, art pieces and figurines.

While the house was currently a single dwelling, at one stage it was split into two flats.

The room used to share a door with another bedroom backed on to it - but was now separated by a wall the couple built.

On the other side of the wall was daughter Lucy's room, which was the first room the family worked on. It took them and the help of their two sons around one month to do all the work, they said, such as taking out and fixing the sash window.

A door to the outside was something Kathryn said might have been one of the changes added to the house when it was made into two flats. "There wasn't any

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flashing on it or anything. And so the moisture came in.”

There were no steps leading outside the door, just a four-by-four block of wood, and a huge gap, Marti said. But the block of wood was replaced when the couple salvaged material from a donor house in Thames that was demolished. “They had the step for Lucy’s door that I looked high and low for [and] I couldn’t find anywhere else.”

They were also able to salvage material to help restore other parts of the house. “We took down their bricks and used them to rebuild my chimney. And used all the timber to rebuild weatherboards. They had the same shape and design, so that was amazing.”

The house renovators said they heard stories about a previous owner of the house who stacked car parts and engines right up to the ceiling in the room.

Before the wooden floors were uncovered, the lounge was one place they said had “horrible carpet” and tiles underneath it.

The mantelpiece above the fireplace was also crooked, with one leg on the hearth and one leg on the floor. It was confusing because it made it feel like the floor was wobbly, they said, so the couple restored it a year ago which put a stop to “messing with our balance”.

Apart from a few things, including the installation of a new toilet, the bathroom was the only room the family didn’t have to do a lot of work in. “This is probably the one room where we haven’t paint-



A drawing of the house, which used to be hung in a doctor’s office at Thames Hospital, was gifted to the couple.

ed or anything, so we’re probably just going to clean the ceiling and touch it up in here.”

An original clawfoot bath is the first thing that catches my eye. “It was a beautiful bath, but you couldn’t have one because there was only one cold tap,” they said.

Moving through to the north-facing kitchen at the back of the house, the light streams in from three windows and an external door. What used to be a small kitchenette has been transformed and replaced with more bench space made from recycled Kauri.

The couple said they credited

the previous owners who did the big jobs. “They re-piled, re-roofed, re-wired. That would have cost a lot of money,” they said, as well as jibbed and plumbed the whole house. The previous owners left a second-hand hot water cylinder as well, “because the last one was about to blow. Then we had to redo the sewerage.”

It wasn’t until the couple painted the exterior at the end of 2023, when people could see the difference and told them it transformed the house. “Whatever it was before, it’s not that anymore.

“It was just interesting because

we restored it back to how it should look. Everyone thinks it looks like how it should be.”

Even the finial, a small, decorative piece of wood that sits on top of the gable at the front of the house, was a replica of the original. It was created by the Hauraki Wood Turners Club, and based on an original finial the couple said they had at the house.

“We’ve touched every inch. And we’ve worked out that we’ve touched every inch at least five times. We’ve had to clean it, sand it, paint it - undercoat it, next coat, top coat.



The hand-made finial. BELOW: Light streams into the kitchen.



“So every inch has been touched at least five times, if not more. And if you had to fix the rot, then it’s been touched 10 times.”

It was clear the “labour of love” offered the property a fresh lease on life. “Everyone who renovates something will say that. I’d like to think that now it’s going to last for another hundred years, at least. I sort of view it that you’re a caretaker of a house, and you might think you own it, but, you know, you still sort of have to look after it and make it better.”

The previous owners gave the house the defibrillator, Marti said, while Kathryn and Marti did the slow healing recovery work.

“They wanted to sell it to someone who would do what we did. It’s definitely a happy house now.”

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End of an era for Waihi icon Dillimores

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

There hasn't been a day where Noeline Dillimore didn't want to go to work.

The owner of the homewares, furnishings and floorings store, Dillimores, in the heart of Waihi township, said it was a lovely place to go to everyday.

"We've had wonderful staff and that's made every day a joy. There's not a day that I don't want to come to work. It's almost like home away from home," Noeline told *The Profile*.

"My staff have been so wonderful over the years... I can't thank them enough."

Her passion for the world of homewares and interiors was evident, as well as her and the team's commitment to trust their gut.

"We've never put anything in here because it was cheap or high fashion. We've put in what we liked," she said.

"We've always had good feedback from people saying they like our taste."

It's what makes things difficult for Noeline as she prepares to close the doors to the place she's treasured being part of since the early 1970s alongside late husband Rex Dillimore.

"I'm really going to miss it and I'm going to miss the people."

"I've got a 94-year-old guy that still calls in here, [he] comes in here for a cup of coffee on his



The Dillimores team Kay Burne, left, owner Noeline Dillimore and Sherree Ransom.

Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

scooter".

The decision to close the business came down to two things: "it's age that has crept up on all of us. I'm in my 80s", and her staff's desires to travel, she said.

Even though Dillimores operated as a homewares, furnishings and floorings store - it began in 1939 when Claude Dillimore and Dave Seath formed a partnership: Seath & Dillimore - Cabinet Makers and Funeral Directors.

"They used to send furniture all

over the country. They made roll-top desks and radiograms and things like that," she said.

In addition to creating pieces of furniture, the partners had a significant role in the community to help families who experienced grief and loss. Noeline showed *The Profile* funeral records that dated back to the earlier days, which offered a glimpse into the past - some funerals at the time cost just 30 pounds, she said.

"It was probably a lot in those

days. But they'd travel to pick up the bodies and that sort of thing, so all that expense went on it."

But that's not the only thing the store still holds from the early days.

"We've actually still got a couple of caskets [urns] here of ashes that were left over, that were never collected. They're part and parcel with the property," she said.

"We have no idea who they are, but they've been here [and] treated with the utmost respect."



Noeline and her late husband Rex.

"They're still in their containers on the shelf."

The new owner set to buy the building was happy to house the ashes, Noeline said.

"If it [the building] had been demolished, that would have been a big decision for me to have to make. But seeing that we've sold it on, that really gives me a lot of comfort."

The furniture factory and funeral business separated from the store in the 1950s - which is when Seath & Dillimores split to become CC Dillimore & Co.

Noeline said that's when Claude kept the store and Dave took on the furniture factory and funeral business. It was the early 1960s

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A glimpse back in time: a group of Seath & Dillimore furniture factory workers. Photo: SUPPLIED

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when Claude's son, Rex Dillimore, joined his father in the store as a carpet layer, and in the same decade Noeline also married Rex, she said. "I worked in the bank here for probably about seven years and then I came into the business."
She joined Rex in the store in the early 1970s and said she's been there ever since. "It's a lovely medium to be in. You meet these lovely people."
The store was led by Rex and Noeline for many years until Rex's unexpected passing in 2015, she said. "We had a great life together, and I couldn't have been in anything better." The couple had three children, and five grandchildren, Noeline said.
An official close date for the store was set for October 31, she said, "[it's] gotta come to an end sooner or later."
Even though Noeline was set to start on a different path soon, there was a significant connection to the new owners of the building, Annoushka and Brian Callaghan.
There was a "big tie up with history" as the

new owner was connected to the Seath family, she said. "So there's still this real web of Waihi in the mix. It's lovely for me because I don't feel like I'm abandoning the property."
"And there was no way I wanted someone from Auckland to come down and buy it and put their stamp on it, change the name and everything else," she said.
"So the history is still remaining with the building, with the business," she said.
"It makes me feel happy that they'll be carrying on. It actually was quite an emotional day when we went to the auction. It was quite emotional for them and for us."
Something Noeline looked forward to in the future was the prospect of taking on the Camino Walk, or Camino de Santiago. The Camino is a network of historic pilgrimage routes across Europe that led to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain.
"I'm not saying how much [I'll do but] I'm saying I'll do a chunk of it. That'll be the big thing for me," she said.
"I've got all of the rest of my life to decide what I want to do."

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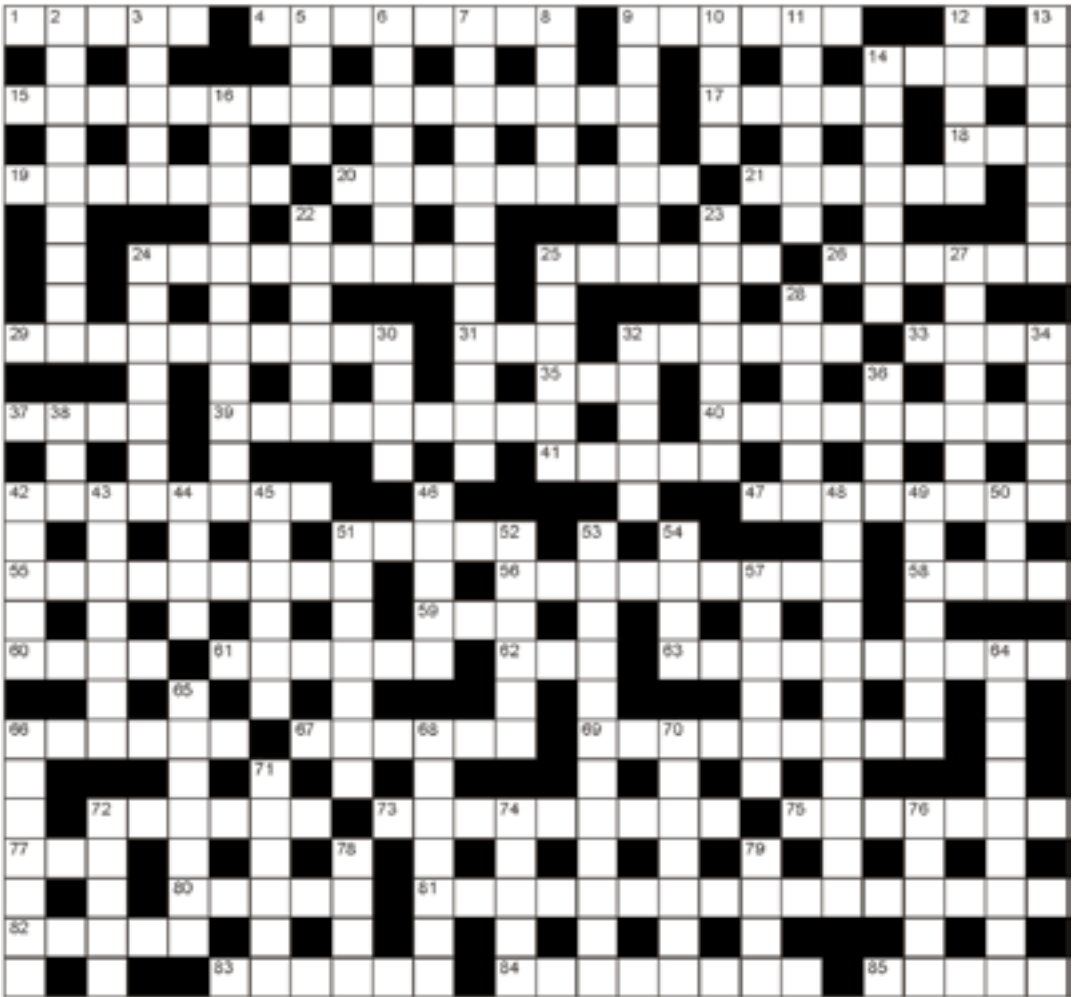
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Valley defeated in Meads final

RUGBY

Mid Canterbury are the 2025 Meads Cup Champions after defeating Thames Valley 21-18 at Ashburton on Saturday.

Even though they had the advantage of a strong wind in the first half, the Swamp Foxes were unable to reproduce the good form that they have displayed in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, the Mid Canterbury Hammers were more consistent and were rewarded with two converted tries.

Quin Collard was successful with two penalty goals to make the half time score, Mid Canterbury 14 Thames Valley 6. Eight minutes after the break the home team added another converted try to extend their lead to 21-6.

At this stage the Swamp Foxes lifted their game considerably. They gained more possession and, in spite of playing into the wind, were able to severely test Mid Canterbury's defence. Their reward came with tries to Logan Allen and Harry Lafituanai.

Collard converted Lafituanai's try to narrow Mid Canterbury's lead to 21-18 as the game entered its final quarter.

A ding dong battle ensued as both teams battled hard to score more points.

With 90 seconds left on the clock Thames Valley had the thrown in to a line-out close to Mid Canterbury's goal line.

Expectations were high for a final move that would bring success for the Foxes



Joint head coaches can be pleased with how they built a competitive team. Photo: SUPPLIED

but the Hammers' star player, Declan McCormack, won the ball which enabled his side to retain possession, run down time to win the game, and the Meads Cup, by 21 points to 18.

To their credit Mid Canterbury won all 10 of their competition games this year.

While it was disappointing for the Swamp Foxes not to go back to back with Meads Cup wins, joint head coaches David Harrison and Joe Murray can be pleased with the way that they built a competitive team after a hiding from Taranaki in the Ranfurly Shield challenge and three early losses in the Heartland Championship.

It will certainly be to Thames Valley's advantage if the majority of this team are available again in 2026.

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Rest home residents raise sweet support

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The act of giving back is in full swing for staff and residents of Paeroa's Oceania Ohinemuri Rest Home who are raising awareness and funds during the month of October for Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand's Pink Ribbon Fundraiser.

Nine Ohinemuri residents and a few staff members kicked off their main campaign on October 2, raising \$1000 for the charity with a bake sale and raffle stall outside Paeroa Four Square.

Staff members Aimee Iremonger and Abby Day baked cakes, cookies and fudge and donated all sorts of pink goods for the raffle alongside other staff.

Activities assistant Samantha Connors told *The Profile* they were proud to have raised \$1000 just two days into their campaign.

It was a team effort, Samantha said, and she wanted to thank everyone for their support and donations to the cause.

The residents were a bit shy at first, but after Samantha said hello to people and introduced the residents - they were more confident, she said.

It was really important for them to talk with other people in the community, she said.

"People shared stories about breast cancer and they knew someone who had been through it themselves."

"I think spreading awareness as well is really important. I've got a friend that I got the idea from," she said.

"She's going through breast cancer at the moment now and she just spreads kindness and positivity, even though she's going through chemotherapy and having it really rough."

"I thought, what can we do in our little old town of Paeroa to help?"

The next fundraising event was a staff and resident Dress Up in Pink Day on October 23, where staff were encouraged to donate a gold coin, she said.

"Instead of wearing the uniform, they dress up and have fun for the day and bring a donation and we fundraise that way."

There were still raffle tickets available for the public to buy from the rest home's reception, as well as BCFNZ merchandise, she said.

The raffle will be drawn on October 30. **DETAILS: To donate online to the Oceania Ohinemuri Rest Home Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraiser, visit fundraise.bcf.org.nz/s/23677/27905. To purchase a raffle ticket, visit reception at 24 Keepa Ave, Paeroa.**



Residents and staff raise awareness and money for the Pink Ribbon fundraiser.



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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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Mangatangi 83 Miller Road

Proven dairying with infrastructure and scope

Set across 257 hectares (more or less), this Mangatangi dairy farm delivers scale and a consistent system with a well-planned layout. The land shifts from flats to rolling hills, divided into around 100 paddocks for efficient grazing. Soils are ash on the hills and clay on the flats, noted for productivity and resilience. A bore installed in 2022 ensures reliable water. Infrastructure includes a 50 ASHB shed, 400-cow feed pad, implement sheds, hay barns, and storage. Four homes provide accommodation for family or staff. In North Waikato, the farm connects easily to Hauraki Plains, Pokeno, and south Auckland, with the Mangatangi Dam and ranges adding presence.

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257.45_{ha}

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Pukorokoro/Miranda 149C Rataroa Road

Seaviews, dual driveways, bore, several building sites

Nestled into the hillside, this north facing property spans 13ha (more or less) of quiet simplicity, space, and sweeping views that will never be built out. Away from the hubbub of city living yet just a little over an hour to either Auckland or Hamilton, have space to breathe while staying connected. Hobby farm or develop the approx. 3 acres of usable pasture, add a second dwelling up to 120sqm with separate driveway, and/or a barn type structure – several possible sites on different levels, each with seaviews. The remainder of the land is beautiful native bush including manuka. Close to primary schools and on the bus route for highly regarded Hauraki Plains College.

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13.1316 ha 2 1

Price by Negotiation
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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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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}

Tender (unless sold prior)
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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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Kaihere 148 Mangawara Road

Grazing or support block, complete with duck hut

This functional drystock block in hill country on the western Hauraki Plains is well suited for sheep and beef or large-scale grazing. Set on 249.3 hectares (more or less) of medium hill contour and pockets of bush, it is well fenced into 70 paddocks with a woolshed, support shedding, metaled races and loading facilities. Adding diversity, 23 hectares (more or less) are planted in six-year-old radiata pine on their second rotation. A modernised three-bedroom plus office home offers open plan kitchen and dining, separate living and office, making it ideal for family or staff. A duck shooting hut with access to five ponds adds seasonal recreation. Close to Ngatea and Tahuna.

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249.3378_{ha}

Auction (unless sold prior) 11am, Thu 27 Nov 2025
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View towards neighbouring property

Paeroa 43 Cadman Road

Art deco design with views and tranquility

This late-1950s Art Deco home impresses with curved lines, sweeping bay windows and fine craftsmanship. Upgrades include new roofing, foundations, insulation, refurbished matai floors, modern electrics and plumbing, a new kitchen, refreshed bathroom, and extra toilet. Three bedrooms feature built-in robes and outlooks, with the master's bay window framing a stunning panorama. Generous living areas include a formal lounge, dining, and family room opening to a covered verandah and garden. Set on 3049 sqm (more or less), the grounds offer lawns, mature trees, and a versatile garage. Close to schools and townships, this home blends heritage, comfort, and future potential.

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3,049_{sqm} 3 1 1

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