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State Highway closures cause concern for struggling businesses

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest
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The next sequence of state highway closures “could not come at a worse time,” says the Thames Business Association, whose members have already endured multiple disruptions over the past few years.

A section of State Highway 25 will be closed for a week immediately after Labour Weekend, cutting off Thames and Coromandel-Colville while the Boundary Creek Bridge is replaced.

In November, State Highway 25A, one of the district’s key routes, will also require daytime closures to allow for essential re-building work.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Regional Manager Maintenance and Operations, Roger Brady, said the work would take place from Monday, November 10 until around Friday, November 21, with the highway closed each day from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Thames Business Association’s Sue Lewis-O’Halloran acknowledged the work needed to take place, but questioned why it was not planned for the off-season, when business was generally slower.

She said the impact to many of the town’s businesses could be “catastrophic”.

“Businesses around the peninsula, not only in Thames, have been

impacted so much in recent times and it’s hard to catch a break,” she said. “NZTA does not seem to care about how its schedules will cause significant disruption at a time when these businesses are working hard to recover. For some of them, this could be the death knell, the final straw, indicating that no one really cares about them and their survival.”

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson agreed that both highway closures were “incredibly disruptive, terribly inconvenient, and costly to local residents and visitors;” however, he said the region’s roading infrastructure was fragile at best and “always challenging”.

“For all road users of 25A, I’m disappointed that it should be closed again having been closed for nearly a year relatively recently, and I am frustrated that the work that is now required to be done could not have been done while the road was closed before... [but] I’m slightly optimistic that NZTA have a record in our region of completing work ahead of schedule,” he said.

“I’ve got my fingers crossed that maybe they will be able to do that again in both cases.”

For the Boundary Creek Bridge replacement, work will begin this month and is expected to take 10 weeks to complete.

The road will remain open to traffic, except for the seven-day

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The Boundary Creek Bridge on SH25, Thames Coast Rd, will be closed for a week.
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State Highway closures the ‘death knell’ for businesses

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closure at the bridge starting at 5am on Wednesday, October 29.
By early December, a new two-lane bridge will be in use.
The following month, State Highway 25A will require daytime closures for two weeks to allow for essential rebuilding work at two sites, each around 1km long between Kōpū and Hikuai.
The road will open to traffic under single lane and stop/go each evening from 5pm and on Sunday, November 16.
State Highway 25A was closed for most of 2023 after a slip required a new bridge to be put in place, and Mr Brady said that this latest round of rebuilding was not necessary then - when the bridge work was programmed and funded.
He told *The Profile* that the transport agency acknowledged that any closure on the Coromandel network would be inconvenient and have an impact on businesses and residents.
“We have factored this into our thinking, and while there is never a good time to close the road, we have spent considerable time working with our contractor to develop a solution that minimises overall disruption and gets the essential rebuild work done when it needs to in the warmer weather, while finishing the work before peak December traffic,” he said.



State Highway 25A will require daytime closures for two weeks for essential rebuilding work at two sites.
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“We never take the decision to close roads lightly and would not be closing it if there was another way to get the work done quickly and safely. We investigated doing this work with stop/go or controlled openings or allowing convoys of traffic through. However, these options are difficult to accommodate at such confined sites and would mean the job would take much longer with increased risk to contractor staff and road users.”

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To Teresa and *Valley Profile* team, We were travelling through Kaiaua and picked up a copy of your paper at the petrol station. I am delighted to see a community paper that looks alive and well. We are from Kerikeri and both of our local papers, the *Kerikeri Chronicle* and the *Northern News*, sadly passed away several years ago.
Please don't underestimate the positive effect that your paper is having on community cohesion. I used to love hearing what was happening with sports teams, local politics, local businesses, schools, community events, etc. Now I would have to search through the toxic environment of Facebook to try to find out what was happening.
The bigger papers that purport to 'cover' our local news seem to be only interested in tabloid-style sensationalism and not in keeping the community informed of the more mundane but important goings on. I wish you would come North and set up another paper in the beautiful Bay of Islands... Any takers? Keep up the great work and wishing you all the best,
- Toni Monro, Kerikeri

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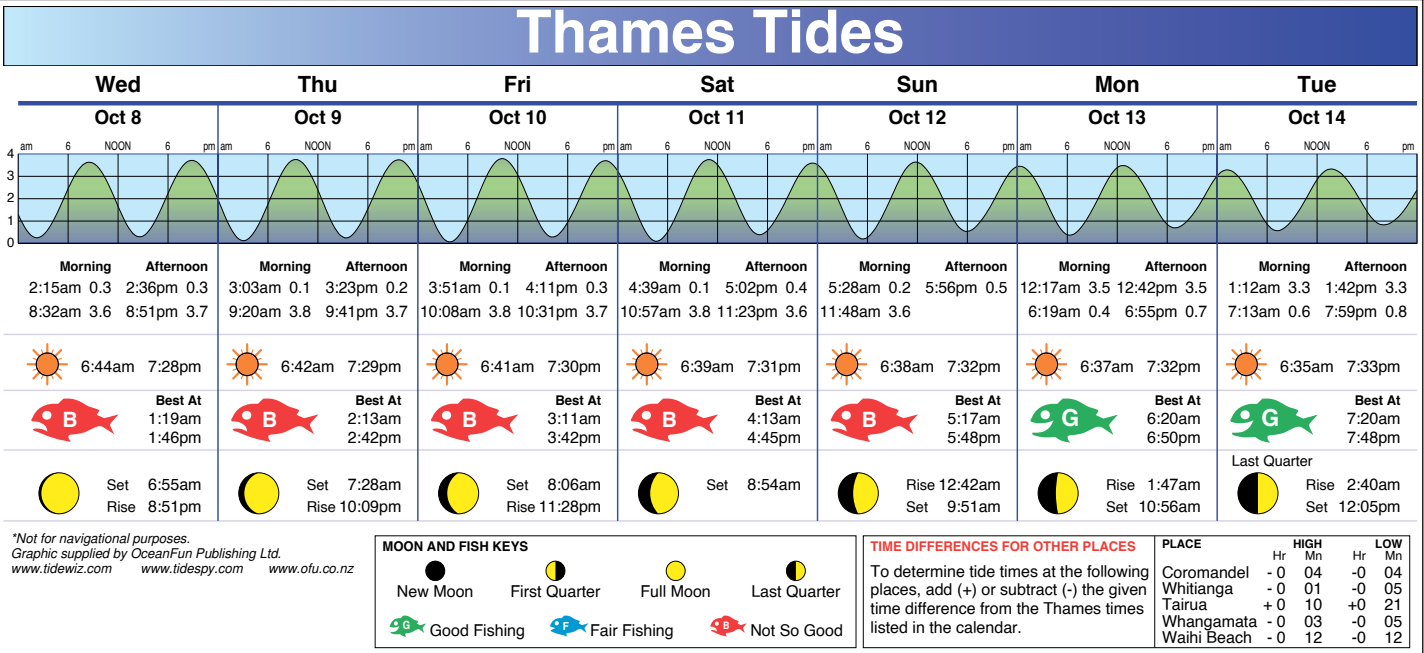
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PLACE	Hr	High	Low
Coromandel	-0	04	-0
Whitianga	-0	01	-0
Tairua	+0	10	+0
Whangamata	-0	03	-0
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0

Nurses protest as health feedback sought

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

Health workers from across the Coromandel district protested in Thames on October 1, as Associate Health Minister Matt Doocey, Rural Communities Minister Mark Patterson, and a panel of local health experts fronted up for a national rural health roadshow.

The roadshow was the 12th such meeting to be held across the country since April.

Minister Doocey said the meetings were a chance for him to hear from those on the front-lines of rural health, and to understand how well the government's Rural Health Strategy has been working since it was implemented last year.

"It is important that we shine a light on our needs and really drive the decision-makers forward about how we better support good health and social outcomes within our community," he said.

Before taking questions, the Minister outlined the five priorities in the Rural Health Strategy - prioritising rural communities, improving preventative health interventions, increasing service availability, supporting access to distant services, and developing a valued and flexible workforce.

He also touching on the \$164 million health-care package in this year's Budget, which will be used to strengthen nationwide urgent and after-hours care services.

Ahead of the meeting, the Ministers toured Thames Hospital, where they spoke with New Zealand Nurses Union (NZSO) members who were picketing outside.

"[Minister Doocey] actually got out of his car and came and spoke to us... it feels like he listened to us," Thames Hospital emergency department nurse and NZSO delegate Elizabeth Brundrit said.

The union has been fighting for extra nurses for some time,



Nursing union representatives picket in Thames ahead of the Ministers' visit for the Rural Health Roadshow.

Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

Elizabeth said, and the hospital is still understaffed despite being granted funding for 10 extra full-time nurses during last year's hiring freeze by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand - only half of the numbers required.

"The word burnout, I'm hearing more and more and more," Elizabeth said.

"We need more nurses on the floor... We have multiple shifts where we feel unsafe. We are concerned that we miss things, that there is a delay in getting the help and getting the treatment that [patients] need.

"And with any delay, there is going to be an increased risk."

Elizabeth put her concerns to the panel during the meeting. Panellist Rachel Swain, Te Whatu Ora Waikato's operations director for community and rural health, acknowledged the stress the nurses were under.

She said she had just received approval for a flow nurse to help divert low-acuity patients from the emergency department, and also noted that data from the software used to predict hospital staffing needs had been resubmitted for further review.

Several other issues were also raised during the meeting. Telehealth was a major topic, as local providers questioned the Minister about the government's recently-announced Digital 24-7 initiative.

Minister Doocey cautioned that telehealth was not to be seen as a "silver bullet", and was intended to complement existing in-person services by providing choice and convenience.

Another talking point was the need to increase the available workforce, and make it easier for health professionals to live and work in the area.

The overarching theme of the questions put to the Minister though, was whether local health services would be tailored to the region's unique geography and demographics, and allow for sufficient input from local providers during the development process.

"Our community has been working for over 50 years to develop its own infrastructure to enable the resilience of our community because we are a land island, often closed off in Thames and Coromandel by the slips," Dr Kate Armstrong from the Colville Project said.

Te Korowai Haora o Hauraki chief executive Tammy Dehar said any policies needed to consider the needs of the whole community, including both the over-65s and the growing numbers of youth.

Minister Doocey said the government was open to ensuring



Associate Health Minister Matt Doocey addresses the crowd.



The roadshow was facilitated by Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network and featured a panel of Ministers and local health experts.

"The word burnout, I'm hearing more and more and more... we feel unsafe."

- Elizabeth Brundrit

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All the drama but it’s the boring stuff that counts

OPINION

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

There’s something thrilling and slightly chaotic about being a reporter during local body elections. One minute, I’m decoding the manifesto of a mayoral hopeful who calls climate change “a diversion tactic for dummies”, the next, I’m watching a candidate flatten a car with a bulldozer.

I thought I’d seen it all covering the 2019 and 2022 Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel elections, but for the past few months, ‘that’s a first’ is the first thing I say as I start to write the latest story.

It’s been a first to have a man running for Mayor using Artificial Intelligence to talk to me; it’s been a first to have another ask if we’d contacted Crime Stoppers about him; it’s been a first to have anonymous emails rush into my inbox, one urging: ‘Just dig, do your job. Don’t f**k this up’.

There are two sides to an election like this. On one hand, it’s reassuring that in our towns, we have people who care enough to stand.

Some are seasoned councillors who know the job well, while others are first-timers with big ambitions and a Facebook page. Whatever their stance, they’ve stepped up. But with all the intensity, at what point does a local election stop being the serious democratic process it’s meant to be, and start feeling more like a circus?

In the instance of Levi Burton, mayoral and Waihi ward hopeful in the Hauraki district, he refused phone interviews and neglected to show up to any of the in-person Meet the Candidate events. *The Profile* questioned his use of AI to communicate to the

public and the media, because it raises real concerns around accountability and transparency. Is a position really the candidate’s own, or AI’s polished suggestion? Don’t voters deserve to know the difference?

He was also trespassed from a property owned by the current Mayor, Toby Adams, after being captured on security cameras.

In a post on Facebook showing off his trespass notice issued early September, Burton called the incumbent “a drama queen”.

Roman Jackson, who is running a silent campaign for the top job in both Hauraki and Matamata-Piako, shared with me a fascinating - and brutal - insight into his army experience. But after his profile piece ran, he contacted me to say that Auckland detectives had paid him a visit, saying they had received two enquiries about him.

One was an anonymous submission through Crime Stoppers - an independent charity that guarantees “no identifying information will be passed on to the authorities” - apparently claiming to be a concerned person from *The Valley Profile*, he said. “I can assure you it wasn’t *The Profile* team,” I told Jackson, skeptically adding: “but nonetheless concerning that Police would reveal a Crimestoppers tip”.

He replied: “No drama. If not elected I will breed a farm of mice and rats to create a plague and drop para-rats on all council buildings with a drone. People will start calling me Ratamir Putin.”

Thames-Coromandel mayoral, council, and community board candidate Steve Hart also stood in 2022, when he was questioned about a possible link to Voices for Freedom.



One Mayoral candidate says he will drop para-rats infected with the plague on council buildings if he’s not elected.
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After his mayoral article ran in the paper this year, I was told he was a Sovereign Citizen, and *The Profile* was asked if we were under personal or legal threat given this wasn’t disclosed in the story. We followed up with Hart, who denied the accusation.

Then, after sharing the contents of a Letter to the Editor to Hart referencing his campaign, and offering him a Right of Reply - which allows him to defend himself against criticism - Hart told us that if we ran the letter, *The Profile*’s respect and credibility would go into the gutter. He went on to tell my editor that the paper was already guilty of “lazy, unintelligent journalism”. But public roles come with public scrutiny, and anyone putting their name on a ballot should know how the press works.

My final mayoral interview was with James Subritzky, another candidate with views that have ruffled some feathers online and who admitted he should be locked in his garage during council meetings so he wouldn’t slap fellow elected members on the back of the head. At one point, he told me to stop using the word ‘actually’, calling it a “two-dollar word”.

“It’s a swear word. It’s a full stop,” he told me.

I actually had been using the word actually far too much in our conversation, and I actually do appreciate the blunt honesty. It reminds me of former Thames-Coromandel mayor Sandra Goudie - someone I’d once prepared myself for pointed responses from. But Goudie, who was mayor from 2016 to 2022, had both local

and central government experience. She took the job seriously. She answered every call from the media and respected the role of journalism in holding elected members to account.

This became clear when I wrote the article *Mayor waits for [Covid-19] jab* in October, 2021. The story blew up nationally and was part of the portfolio which had me named New Zealand’s Runner-Up Best Community Journalist at the Voyager Media Awards the following year.

So, when Sandra Goudie’s name lit up my phone screen while I stood on my editor’s driveway, I braced myself. Surely I was about to cop the fallout for revealing her unvaccinated status.

Instead, I recall: ‘Good story. I was waiting for someone to ask me the question’. And that, really, is what any candidate needs - to be serious about the job. About the roading, the water, the infrastructure - the unglamorous but essential business of running a district. It also means accepting the fact that the local reporter might ask you annoying or difficult questions from time to time. It’s not personal, it’s democracy.

So while local elections often struggle to grab people’s attention, resulting in low voter turn-out, this year I’ve noticed the ‘drama’ and diverse personalities have brought more eyes to the race, and hopefully will lead to greater voter participation.

Still, it’s worth remembering: it isn’t a circus. It’s not about who is the loudest - it’s about who will represent you best around the council table.

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Seagull grants support community mahi



The 2025 Seagull Centre community grants recipients share details of their community projects.

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

The Seagull Centre’s annual round of grants once again saw a generous sum of money awarded to conservation and community-focused projects around the Coromandel, Thames and Hauraki.

This year, the charitable trust received over 60 funding applications. It awarded a total of \$40,000 to the 31 successful projects, covering a variety of community initiatives, schools, and pest management groups.

The grants will go towards building a sensory garden, two recycling projects, six Garden to Table groups, six native planting projects, six pest control initiatives, two raised garden beds, five stream restoration projects, two fruit tree plantings, and one project to protect a new colony of long-tailed bats.

The grant recipients gathered to celebrate on September 19 at the centre. Sustainability coordinator Lucci Scott addressed the gathered crowd,

and said the celebration was the highlight of the Trust’s year. “We just absolutely love that we can spread this koha to you guys and the whole Coromandel,” she said.

This year, grant applicants had also been asked to link their projects to the United Nations’ global sustainability goals, which Lucci said was part of the Seagull Centre’s strategy to think bigger.

“It was a learning exercise to be aware of [the goals], to see from a different point of view,

and to look at it from an ethical side,” she said.

“We’re doing this in our small neck of New Zealand, but all of these things add up and change the world.

“If we did this all across New Zealand and then replicated it all around the world, we’d be in a much better place. This mahi just keeps us moving and keeps our world ticking over and being better and better.”

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER



Ex-hotel site for sale

A 3567 square metre vacant lot is for sale on Thames’ main street, after the owner was unable to secure financial backing for a planned retail centre.

The site, at 200-204 Pollen St, was once the location of the historic Shortland Hotel, along with various businesses including Fresho and the Bayon Espresso Cafe.

The building had fallen into disrepair after a fire in 2019, and was demolished last year by owner Mark Milmine.

Mark had planned to relocate his business 100% Thames to the site as part of a multi-business lifestyle shopping complex.

However, his plans had changed, he told *The Profile*.

“We have failed to secure a financial partner... we’re still looking to achieve what we want to, but we’re just listing it for sale as an alternative plan B,” he said.

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The historic Shortland Hotel was demolished last year. FILE PHOTO



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Rural Life

Dedicated protectors shine spotlight on dotterel

Dot Watch Waihi Beach celebrated the Tūturīwhatu Northern New Zealand Dotterel recently, and the incredible collaboration ensuring the little bird has a fighting chance to survive.

Local hapū Te Whānau a Tauwhao, Bay Conservation Alliance, Te Kura Tāhahi o Waihi Waihi Beach School, ARRC (Animal Rehabilitation and Rescue Centre), DOC, Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), Coastcare, Waihi Beach Environment Society, Predator Free Waihi Beach, Project Parore, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) all joined forces to shine a spotlight on the plight of the Northern New Zealand Dotterel.

As part of the event, Dot Watch hosted a morning of kōrero (talks) focused on the dotterel.

Waihi Beach Environmental Co-ordinator Pip Coombes said it had been an incredible journey to bring so many agencies, conservation groups and inspirational people together in one room.

“It has proven to be a very special morning of kōrero and sharing stories, along with everyone’s passion for conservation.”

At Waihi Beach School, conservation isn’t just taught in the classroom but experienced on the whenua (land).

A dedicated crew of young Dotterel kaitiaki (guardians) has



Waihi Beach School students and staff with representatives from groups looking out for the dotterel. Photo: SUPPLIED

stepped up to protect the dotterels, which is one of Aotearoa’s most endangered and adored birds, led by environmental student team leader Beau McDuff and Violet Connelly with work such as monitoring nesting pairs to setting up protective cordons.

The movement began when children discovered a dotterel nest in the subdivision behind their home.

That moment sparked a passion that has grown into a full-blown project at the school, and even inspired a children’s book, *Zigg and*

Zagg’s Dotterel Dance, created in collaboration with ARRC, Bay Conservation Alliance, and Dot Watch Waihi Beach.

The book shares the struggles the birds face – and the efforts of local heroes fighting for their survival.

Another form of advocacy is the Dotterel Exhibition at Te Ara Mātauranga Waihi Beach Library from September 15 to October 28.

This celebration of work from children, schools, and volunteers is a reminder that every egg, chick, and nesting site truly matters for this species and celebrates the community’s passion for protecting these birds, organisers say.

Six schools from across the region worked on a poster exhibition through the Bay Conservation Alliance (BCA) Education Programme.

Pip Coombes said the schools were asked to illustrate the story of the dotterel to be utilised by Dot Watch Waihi Beach.

Alongside the posters, the exhibition features taxidermied native birds and predators, and the traps used to capture mammalian predators.

Pip said they wanted to thank Western Bay Museum manager Paula Gaelic, whose expertise and professional touch brought the exhibition to life with stunning presentation.

The opening included a pōwhiri led by Reon Tuanau of Te Whānau a Tauwhao, a waiata from Waihi Beach School, an opening speech from Mayor James Denyer, and talks from DOC Biodiversity Ranger John Heaphy, and others.

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Rural Life

Feds: Connectivity ‘crisis’ demands urgent action

Rural New Zealand is being left behind on connectivity, with a new survey showing urgent action is needed from both mobile companies and the government, Federated Farmers says.

Federated Farmers’ 2025 Rural Connectivity Survey, completed by more than 600 farmers in August and September, highlights ongoing issues. “Many of our members are telling us loud and clear that their mobile coverage is still patchy and unreliable, both on-farm and on provincial highways,” Federated Farmers telecommunications spokesperson Mark Hooper said.

“It’s very concerning that more than a third of farmers say their mobile coverage has actually worsened over the past year. Farmers need telcos to step up urgently and provide solutions that ensure reliable service across the country.”

According to the survey findings, mobile coverage currently averages only 57 per cent of farmland, unchanged since 2022. While more farmers are connected to 4G and 5G, dropouts remain widespread, causing major issues for everyday operations and health and safety.

“For example, farmers are required to comply with NAIT - a digital livestock recording system - but unreliable connections are obstructing that,” he said. “And what happens if a farmer has an accident on the farm and can’t get a signal to call for emergency help?”

Internet access is now nearly universal (99 per cent) but continues to frustrate farmers with variable quality, weather-related outages, and high costs. Wireless broadband use has slipped to 44 per cent, while satellite services such as Starlink have jumped to 36 per cent of respondents, up from 19 per cent in 2022.

“Farmers are increasingly reliant on services like Starlink, but simply relying on an overseas provider isn’t in the best interests of the coun-

try,” Hooper said. “While many appreciate the coverage and performance they get from Starlink, that’s not a sustainable solution for New Zealand. Nor does it support the many small Kiwi businesses that are working hard to provide internet service solutions for their local communities.”

Fibre expansion was also now a critical issue. “Fibre currently reaches only 3 per cent of surveyed rural households, leaving most farmers locked out of the benefits urban people and businesses are enjoying. “Access to fibre could transform rural connectivity, but right now it’s beyond reach for most farmers.”

New Zealand urgently needed a national rural connectivity strategy, Federated Farmers said. “We need investment in an independent service to give farmers clear information on local internet providers, the best options for retaining a landline number, and advice on back-up power to cover emergencies,” Hooper said. “It’s crazy that we’re still even talking about rural connectivity problems. I think everyone assumed the service would be so much better by now - but in some cases it’s even got worse.”

The survey highlights growing concerns as traditional copper landlines disappear.

Only 40 per cent of farmers now used a landline, down from 64 per cent in 2022, and more than a third of copper users had already received disconnection notices, he said.

“It’s really concerning that the vast majority of rural people about to lose their copper landline still haven’t found a replacement,” Hooper said. “VoIP doesn’t work in a power outage and mobile isn’t available on large areas of farmland. That leaves people feeling dangerously exposed.” The survey also found farmers consistently reported paying high prices for unreliable service, with some describing the situation as “rural discrimination”.

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Education

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Hauraki students snap up science awards

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It was a mix of shock and pride when four Hauraki Plains College students found out their project results from the recent NIWA Waikato Science Fair.

Teammates and year 10 students Olivia Taaffe and Shirley Henry entered their lava lamp project in the material world category at the Fair on August 11 and snapped up second place.

The science-gurus did not expect the accolade but felt it was a rewarding return for “all our hard work”, they told *The Profile*.

It took the award winners a little more than two months of work in class and at home to complete the project.

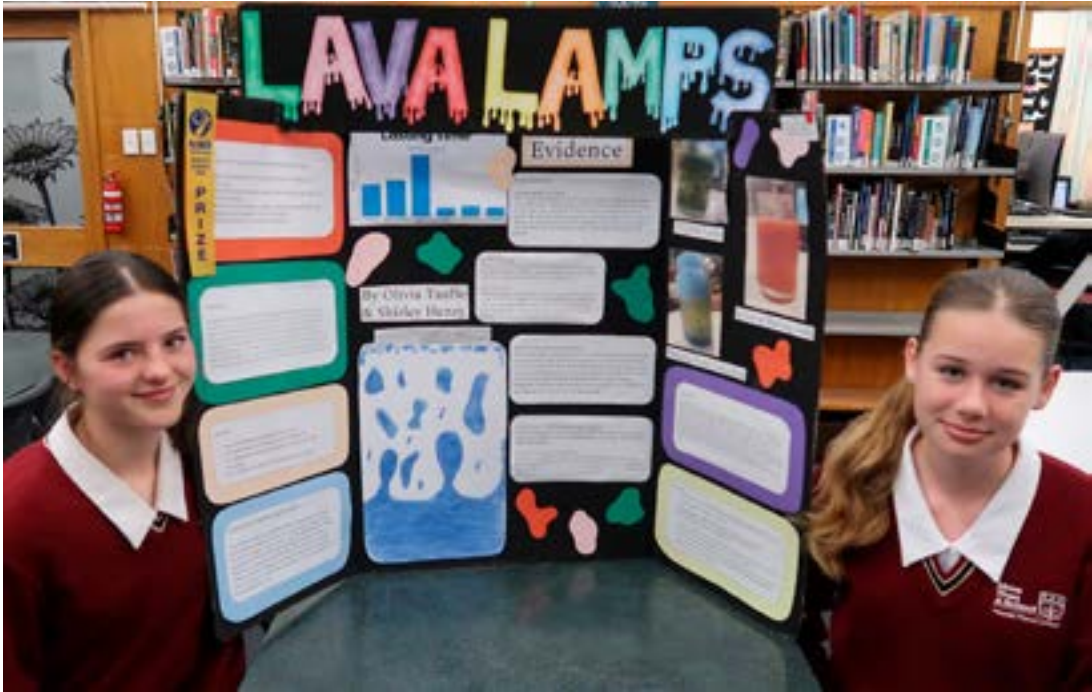
A monetary prize of \$70 was included, which the students split between themselves and planned to “save it to go towards bigger things”, they said.

The project explored the variables that affected home made lava lamps, 14-year-old Olivia said. “We made multiple different lamps with different ingredients to see what would happen.”

But the overall result was that vegetable oil lasted the longest, 15-year-old Shirley said.

The thing that helped them to stay motivated and focussed was each other, they said.

They entered the science fair



Shirley Henry, left, and Olivia Taaffe snap up second place in the material world category. RIGHT: Ujwal Parajuli and Katelyn Brunt take home highly commended awards. Photos: SUPPLIED

to “learn and experience new things”, Shirley said.

“It really helps with building confidence when you have to speak to the judges.”

Fellow year 10 students Ujwal Parajuli and Katelyn Brunt also competed at the Fair and received highly commended awards for individual projects, as well as a monetary prize of \$30 each.

Ujwal, 14, said his project was a video which could “inspire kids to protect the planet”.

“I researched a few things that kids can do in their daily life which will impact our planet positively.”

Ujwal’s project was inspired by how “small things can impact change”, he said.

“I wanted people to know how it impacts the planet when we do

small things, e.g. recycle.”

Meanwhile, for 14-year-old Katelyn’s project, she investigated how weather patterns and conditions impacted the toxic levels of nitrate in grass.

“I recorded temperatures, rain fall and weather conditions and took tests of grass samples from a paddock over a 15-day period,” she said.



Katelyn, who lives on a dairy farm, said her dad had bouts of nitrate poisoning over the past few years and decided she would investigate the factors that caused it.

Ujwal and Katelyn said they were proud that their work was recognised.

Hauraki Plains College science teacher Cliff Wilcocks said it was the second time the college had competed at the annual Waikato and Bay of Plenty event.

“Hauraki Plains College students completed against those of major private and state secondary students from schools with student populations larger than ours,” he said.

“Congratulations to our students who received awards and to the 15 other students who also presented excellent projects and presented at the Niwa Waikato Science Fair.”

More Than A School

Hauraki Plains College

KEY DATES

Coming Up

Year 8 Parent Information Evening #2: Wednesday 8th October 6-7pm in the HALL

We warmly invite all current Year 8 parents and whānau to join us for an information evening at Hauraki Plains College as we look ahead to 2026. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our school, meet key staff, hear about our values, programmes, and support we offer.

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Prizegiving Dates

Cultural and Arts Prizegiving Wednesday 15th October 6pm

Sports Prizegiving Thursday 23rd October 6pm

Senior Academic Prizegiving Thursday 30th October 5.30pm

Junior Prizegiving Tuesday 2nd December - Year 9 @ 9.30am & Year 10 @ 12pm

Discovery Day: Tuesday 9th December

New students starting at HPC in 2026 are welcome to join us from 9.30am for a fun day of activities. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Six-year-old Skye's big snip for charity

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

Six-year-old Skye Bright-Heart has just ticked off a big goal she's been patiently waiting for - donating her hair to help others feel confident.

The Thames Coast student last week lobbied off her long locks in order to donate them to Freedom Wigs, a business which purchases hair from the general public in order to make customisable wigs.

According to the company's webpage, if a donor did not want to be paid for their hair, Freedom Wigs would donate the amount it would pay to a charity of the donor's choice, or would subsidise a customer whose financial situation made buying their hair difficult.

Skye chose the latter, wanting to help people who may not be able to grow their hair due to cancer treatments.

"She wants people to feel confident and hates the thought of anyone being anxious or embarrassed," mum Charlie Brightheart said.

"We did some research together and found that it takes between eight and 10 donations of hair to make just one wig. It can also take up to 50 hours to make a wig."

Skye's hair has been growing since birth, only trimmed a few times here and there. She's been keeping it long as



Before the snip at Makawe Salon, left, and afterwards, Skye's very happy with her shorter 'do.



Photos: SUPPLIED

she's wanted to donate her hair for a while, Charlie said, and it needed to reach the minimum length of 35cm.

The cut took place on September 30 at Makawe Salon in Thames, co-owned by Tyler Pere, who also donated his hair a few years ago.

Charlie said before the snip,

Skye was excited "but a little worried"; however, after the cut she was very happy with her shorter 'do and thought she looked "super cute".

"Skye says her hair will grow back, but she wants to help people who may not be able to grow their hair due to cancer treatments," Charlie said.

"So, if you're thinking of cutting your hair, if it's long enough, you should consider donating it to Freedom Wigs based in Dunedin."

DETAILS: More info at freedom-wigs.com



Chris' Quiz

- Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Par-minter
- Who is the headlining act for the Laneways Festival, due to be held in Auckland 2026? a) Billie Eilish, b) Chappell Roan, or c) Taylor Swift?
 - Tensing Norgay shared a major accomplishment with which New Zealander in 1953?
 - Have more US presidents been left-handed or right-handed?
 - In medical terms, what is a FOOSH injury? a) Fall onto an outstretched hand, b) Fertility, ovulation, sterility and hormones, or c) Functional Out-comes Of Shoulder Health?
 - Stanley Martin Lieber, a comic book writer, editor, publisher and producer for Marvel Comics before his death in 2018, was more widely known by what name?
 - True or false: a crystal radio set needs electricity from a battery in order for it to operate?
 - Cure Kids holds its NZ fundraiser in July each year, commonly known by what name? a) Blue Hair Day, b) Red Nose Day, or c) Yellow Hand Day?
 - What shape is the infield in a traditional baseball pitch? a) A circle, b) a diamond, or c) a square?
 - The shamrock (a type of clover) is a symbol of which country?
 - What breed of dog featured on the front page of the *Valley Profile* on September 23? a) Greyhound, b) Labrador, or c) Poodle?



ANSWERS: 1. b) Chappell Roan; 2. Sir Edmund Hillary; 3. Right-handed; 4. a) Fall onto an outstretched hand; 5. Stan Lee; 6. False. The energy comes from the radio waves themselves; 7. b) Red Nose Day; 8. b) A diamond; 9. Ireland; 10. a) A Greyhound.

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Voting day closes at 12 noon on Saturday 11 October

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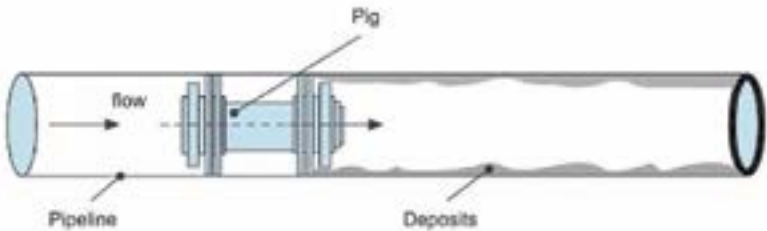
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All floral fun

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

It was a day of celebration at the Thames War Memorial Civic Centre on October 1. People from all across the Hauraki-Coromandel gathered from 10am for the Flowers for Friendship event to celebrate the International Day of The Older Person. Event organiser Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel hosted a room-full of happy punters and were supported by the Piki te Ora team from Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, who offered free health checks and shared information about their ser-

vices during the event. People enjoyed dance performances, mingled over a spread of morning tea and admired a colourful display of hand-made flowers, which were made out of materials such as harakeke (flax), knitted or crocheted, beads, paper, plastic bottles and more. Groups, schools and people across the community donated the flowers for the special event, which were shared with all those in attendance. Any remaining flowers were to be donated to people in the area following the Flowers for Friendship event.



Shayle Wenzlick, 90, stops to smell the flowers.

Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Francine Hills leads the group in a dance.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Exhibition celebrates 25 years in Waikino

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

This Labour Weekend will mark 25 years of art in the tiny rural community of Waikino, and local artist Kim Dye is among those preparing to show off their talents.

The 25th annual ARTWaikino Exhibition will feature works of art across a variety of mediums, on display at the Waikino Hall.

Artists across the region are encouraged to enter their works in the show, which features generous prizes in the competition portion.

The categories include painting, sculpture, craft, and photography, along with special awards for Young Star and People's Choice.

This year, there is also a new competition category: "25".

"That could be anything to do with 25 - one [artist] is doing 25 exposures of the same photograph," committee member Vanessa McHardy says.

"It's very, very open category."

Nature-and-whimsy-based artist/sculptor Kim Dye, whose studio sits next door to Waikino Hall, is still kicking around ideas for her entries.

Last year she submitted a "big bird bath with a waka,



Waikino artist Kim Dye in her garden gallery.

Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

with two kingfishers", as well as an indoor painting.

"I'm not committing yet," she laughs.

"I'm like that every year."

Looking around her peaceful, heart-shaped lawn though, there is no shortage of possibilities.

Tucked among the shrubbery

are numerous tiny fairy houses, sculpted birds, abstract sculptures, and water features.

A small gallery shed holds jewellery, wall art and figurines, and Kim is arranging some mermaids she's just pulled out of the kiln.

"I'm very spiritual... crystals and mermaids and water and

Mother Nature. That's a big theme for me," she says.

"I do like to incorporate different mediums, so concrete, metal, pottery, glass, or I focus on recycled stuff too, like corrugated iron pieces."

Art helps her re-centre from her often emotionally taxing work as a palliative caregiver,

Kim says. "It can get tough, and I don't know how people do heaps of hours of it," she says.

"[Art] helps you work through it... I sort of incorporate my gardening and my love of water, which is where I'm going more, I think."

Kim's ARTWaikino entries will be for sale, along with all the other pieces entered into the exhibition.

Proceeds from the show go towards the upkeep of the hall.

Twenty-five years on from the beginning, Vanessa says, the committee is still committed to supporting and encouraging local artists.

"Last year we spent a lot of money fixing the hall up... now we really want the hall to be used as much as possible," she says.

"And we're wanting to encourage artists to do workshops there for the public, [and] wanting to remove barriers for local artists."

DETAILS: ARTWaikino exhibition runs at Waikino Hall over Labour Weekend, October 24-27. Gold coin entry. Artist entries close October 11. See www.waikino-hall.org/artwaikino for more.





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Taekwondo girls medal in competition debut

MARTIAL ARTS

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

A group of six girls from Northwind Taekwondo who had never competed before have done themselves and their coach proud at a recent hapkido festival.

Harmony Fictoor, Trinity-Kay Nepia-Thompson, Jessica Yeh, Levina Chuon, Ivy Guiton, and Rosetta Guiton all took part in the 2025 NZ Hapkido Festival Fourth Oceania Cup, held in Upper Hutt.

They train at Northwind Taekwondo in Waihi, and were invited to attend the festival despite hapkido and taekwondo being different disciplines, coach Paul Hicks said.

While taekwondo was described as a form of unarmed combat for the purpose of self defense, hapkido was a soft-style, counter-fighting martial system.

“Keeping in mind most Asian-based martial arts are similar in their traditional protocols,” he said, “though, at a tournament, not bowing or kneeling, or leaving the ring too soon can get you disqualified.”

“So, my students were told to watch each event type and see how the hapkido competitors conducted themselves. Then go and practice the process as much as they can.”

Paul said the students spent



The group of six girls from Northwind Taekwondo had fun and won medals at a recent hapkido festival. SUPPLIED

time practising how to enter and leave the ring, as well as learn how to adapt over the festival's two days.

On top of it, none of the students - aged between 10 and 17 and hailing from Paeroa, Kerepēhi, and Waihi - had competed in a tournament before.

“My students don't do sparring until their green belt, and most of the team only got their green belt in May or July, so

learning competitive sparring in two-three months was one part of the challenge,” Paul said.

“In that time none of them knew the two Middle Staff [Jung Bong] patterns [kata] to compete in the Weapon Patterns event. They learnt them in five weeks and had them good enough not just to get medals, but to have the judges tell me how impressed they

were of them.

“Yeah, they are champions,” he said. “The pressure was huge. I had two of them say to me in July: ‘but we haven't even learned the second pattern yet’. I just said: ‘Trust me, I know you can do it, you will be fine’.”

“All I know is that their hands were shaking from the adrenaline after each event they competed in.”

The Northwind Taekwondo

team walked away from the festival with four gold medals, three silvers, and three bronzes, placing sixth overall.

They will now be heading to a karate tournament where they will again have to, on the day, “figure out what not to do as well,” Paul said.

“I am very proud of them. We went down [to the hapkido festival] having low expectations as the challenge for success was high. I wanted them to focus on the experience this event was going to give them, to learn as much as they could and most of all have fun.

“We all learn better when we are happy,” he said.

“This current batch of students in Waihi are already tight, it's a special thing, as I haven't seen this level of connection amongst other students in the past 35 years.

“[The] event just bound them together in battle even closer. Battles with the events, battles with their emotions, and the battles of how they can help each other with all of the challenges they each were going through.”

DETAILS: Northwind Taekwondo trains out of the Waihi Memorial Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays during school term, from 3.45pm to 6.30pm. Contact northwindtkd@gmail.com, or Ph 028 400 7550.



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Dr Peter Wass will rejoin the Evergreen Chiropractic team throughout October.

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As Thames awakens from winter's embrace, we've noticed more patients arriving with that familiar complaint: "I threw my back out gardening this weekend."

Sound familiar? You're not alone—spring consistently brings a surge of activity-related injuries as we enthusiastically dive back into outdoor pursuits.

Our bodies are remarkably adaptable, but they need time to adjust after months of reduced activity.

Think of it like starting a car that's been parked all winter - everything needs to warm up gradually.

The weekend warrior approach of going from couch to intensive garden renovation rarely ends well.

Here's what works: start each day with five minutes of gentle stretching.

Focus on your hamstrings, hip flexors, and shoulders - areas that tighten during our sedentary winter months.

When tackling yard work, break tasks into smaller chunks and change positions frequently.

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At Evergreen Chiropractic, we see prevention as the best medicine.

Regular movement, proper lifting techniques, and listening to your body's signals can help you enjoy Thames' beautiful spring weather without the setbacks.

We're delighted to welcome back Dr Peter Wass, who rejoins our team throughout October.

His expertise and familiar face add even more support for your wellness journey this spring season.

This spring, let's cultivate wellness together—one gentle movement at a time.

DETAILS: Phone 868 6665 for an appointment or book online at www.evergreenchiropractic.co.nz

Positive feedback for health event

Thank you to all those who attended our Living With Life Limiting Illness event on September 15.


Beautifully presented by Nurse Practitioner Emma Hedgecock, we have had a lot of positive feedback including how it opened the door for some important conversations amongst partners and families.

Just to reiterate, a lot of what was covered can be managed through a GP/Clinician consultation here at the practice.

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OPINION

By **MICHAEL WILKES**

Sometimes I get the privilege of taking people outdoors where they come face to face with some of their greatest fears - heights, confined spaces, water. You know the drill.

And every time, it still gets me. Because I get to witness this almost instant transformation the moment someone chooses to step into the stretch.

There's this magic space between comfort and chaos - we call it the stretch zone. Not the comfort zone, where everything's easy and familiar. And not the panic zone, where it's so overwhelming your brain shuts down and you just want to leg it. The stretch zone is that place where growth actually happens.

Take Niko.

He was terrified of heights. Wouldn't go down slides, avoided swings, even refused to look out a tall building window. His fear wasn't born from falling — it came from never being exposed in the first place. That's what fear does: we end up fearing the feeling of fear more than the thing itself.

One day, on a youth trip, we set up a zipline across a river. First hurdle — climb a six-metre ladder. Second hurdle — step off into thin air, trusting the harness, the rope, and the slightly too-confident blonde guy (yep, that was me) who set the thing up.

It took ages to coax him up. Even longer to get him to let go. But then I asked: "Will you regret this if you don't try?"

Tears in his eyes, he nodded. That was the stretch. Finally - takeoff. Legs dangling in the air, river rushing below, friends cheering on the other side. He landed, beaming:

"Woohoo, can I do that again?"

Suddenly, his world had grown. Fear had shrunk. Here's the thing: most of our fear grows in the comfort zone. But when we choose the stretch, we realise it's often the feeling of fear - not the thing itself - that's been holding us back.

So - what's your stretch today?

Michael Wilkes is a youth worker with Living Well Trust, running mentoring and resilience programmes across Thames and Paeroa. To support local youth work or follow stories and insights, find him on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok @michael-wilkes.kiwi. If you'd like to connect about a speaking engagement, community initiative, or supporting youth work, email michael@livingwell.org.nz.

Saturday farmers' market reopens

After a winter break, the Waihi Beach Saturday Farmers' Market has returned at its usual location — Waihi Beach School (Te Kura Tātahī o Waihi) - running from 8:30am to 12:30pm each Saturday.

Organisers say this season promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with a wide range of fresh local produce, artisan foods, handmade goods, and an expanded line-up of new vendors.

The jam-packed programme has been designed to celebrate the community and showcase the creativity and quality of local growers and makers.

"We can't wait to welcome everyone back to the market - it's going to be bigger, fresher, and more vibrant than ever," an organiser said.

DETAILS: For updates and stallholder previews, follow the market on Facebook: Waihi Beach Saturday Farmers Market.

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<p>CHALLIS, Noeline: Passed peacefully at Tararu Rest Home, on 29th September, 2025; aged 81 years. Loving wife of Les. Loved Mum of David (deceased), Kevin, Annalee and Pop, and Mark and Erin. Loved Nana of 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. In accordance with Noeline's wishes a private cremation has been held.</p> <p>TWENTYMANS</p>	<p>TYRRELL, Ronald Seymour (Ron): Peacefully, at Thames Hospital on Sunday 31st August, 2025; Dearly loved husband of Margaret. Loved Dad of Denise, Linda, Kay, and Karen. A Memorial Service to celebrate Ron's life will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church, Willoughby Street, Paeroa on Monday 13th October at 2pm.</p> <p>TWENTYMANS</p>	<p>Sheep Shearing Services Mobile shearing, crutching, hoof trimming & drenching For lifestyle block owners, competitive rates Call Richard 022 128 0852 or Sue 021 262 3871 Or email richard.collier@xtra.co.nz for details</p> <p>For Lease Yards for lease, Thames and Kopu. Suitable for trucks, vehicles or trade business base. Ph 027 440 7101</p> <p>For Sale Calla tubers from \$2 ea. Assorted colours & sizes. Easy care plants. Great cut flowers. Grow in clusters for great display. Can courier. Ph 027 473 2727</p> <p>Stainless milk vat, insulated, 1700 ltr with tap and lids. Plate freezer, 7 shelves. Make an offer. Ph 07 868 6054</p> <p>Handyman An experienced handyman covering all trades with over 20 years exp building trade. Please contact Laurie King 021 251 0246 ktpropertyservice.com</p> <p>Mowing, hedges, fencing, gardening, carpentry, painting, retaining walls, welding, waterblasting. Work is good quality and I will not attempt to work outside of my skills. Insured. Dennis Schuler 022 129 0169</p>	<p>Sat 11th, 18th and 25th Oct. 8am start. 44 Kenny St, Waihi. Household items.</p> <p>Gardening STUMP GRINDING. All sizes, all areas. Thames based. Ph 021 060 7659</p> <p>Grazing Dairy Grazing available for R1/R2 Heifers. Situated at Hikutaia, on 34ha rolling/hill block. Viewings welcome. Phone: Sue/Richard 021 262 3871</p> <p>Storage Storage Unlimited 25 Ngati Maru Highway Kopu, Thames Clean, secure, dry Units available 7 x 3.6m and 7 x 5.5m Phone 07 868 9944</p> <p>Handyman Services THAMES HANDYMAN & BUILDING SERVICES Building, home maintenance & general gardening services Phone: Fleur or Crighton • 0273 913 283</p> <p>Storage TOTAL STORAGE LTD KEREPEHI / PAEROA 10FT CON. \$125 per mnth 20FT CON. \$240 per mnth T&C's apply 021 67 67 99 info@totalstorage.co.nz</p>	<p>FENCING CONTRACTOR Residential & Rural Retaining walls & more High quality workmanship Competitive prices Call Matt 021 1727 148</p> <p>BURROWS ROOF CLEANING For moss, mould etc Get your gutters cleaned now from \$100 Ph Murray: 027 449 5985</p> <p>Storage STORAGE KOPU, PAEROA TE AWAMUTU "New Units" Ph 027 440 7101 07 868 3033 Safe n Sound Storage www.safestorage.co.nz</p>	<p>Reno's, decking, fencing. For free quote ph Phil 021 088 63559</p> <p>Friendly licensed builder. 40 years exp. All aspects .No job too small. Ian 021 540 376</p> <p>Painters Rural Land Painters Experienced painters in all farm buildings and older homes Hauraki/Piako wide. Ph Greg 027 2142442</p> <p>Professional roof painter. Mario Kerkhof 027 961 4055</p> <p>HAURAKI REGIONAL PAINTERS Over 12 years experience, interior/ exterior. Refs available. Free quotes. Phone Graeme for all your painting needs. 020 485 1312</p>	<p>CAPS HAURAKI INC. The Annual General Meeting of CAPS Hauraki Inc. Will be held on: Tuesday, 28th October 2025 at 7.00 pm, At the CAPS Hauraki Office, 301 Pollen Street, Thames Please RSVP by the 21st October 2025 to Phone: 07 868 8644 or reception@capshauraki.co.nz</p> <p>Ph: 07 862 3847 Fax: 07 862 3914 www.netherton.school.nz</p> <p>7 School Road Netherton RD1, Paeroa 3671</p> <p>Enrolment at Netherton School is governed by an enrolment scheme. Information and forms are available on the school website www.netherton.school.nz Limited places for out of zone children are available for the 2026 school year. Applications close midday Friday 31st October 2025 and are to be emailed to brook.hill@netherton.school.nz</p> <p>BOOKARAMA Is Coming! Please DONATE your old books NOW! Zonta is seeking books for Bookarama on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October 2025. To donate books contact: • Thames:phone Althea on 07 868 9970 or 027 217 9222 • Ngatea: phone Murray on 027 273 7963 • Paeroa: Drop off at the "i-site" • Thames: Drop off at the ANZ Bank THANK YOU</p>
<p>HARPER, Sheryl Anne: Peacefully at Auckland City Hospital on 2nd October 2025; Aged 65 years. Beloved wife of Andrew. Adored Mum of Shelley, Douglas and 'fur-baby' Dexter. Loved Sister, Auntie, Cousin and 'Mum' to many. A Memorial Service to celebrate Sheryl's life will be held at Ngatea Rugby and Sports Club, 78 Orchard Road, on Friday 10th October at 11am. As per Sheryl's wishes, a private cremation has taken place.</p> <p>TWENTYMANS</p>	<p>Church Notices Waihi Assembly of God Church "Worship & Healing" 10am Sundays Scout Hall, Baker St, Waihi</p> <p>Waihi Living Waters Christ Centered Meetings Sunday 4pm 15 Smith St, Waihi</p> <p>Waihi Bible Chapel Ph. Num 021 522 668 Come read the Word. Learn Scripture (King James) You want the truth, it's all here. Come help us read and learn. Bible Study Wednesday nights 6pm</p> <p>CLASSIFIEDS Call Nikki: Ph 022 130 3885</p>					
<p>RAMSEY, Trevor David: Passed away peacefully at his home on Friday 3rd October 2025 aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Robyn. Much loved Dad of Glenn, Carl, Daniel and Kirilee. Cherished father in law, brother and Grandad, deeply loved and remembered by all his family. A service to celebrate Trevor's life will be held at the Waihi Beach RSA on Monday 13th October at 11am.</p> <p>WAIHI</p>						

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The Swamp Foxes defeated Whanganui 38-5 on their home ground on Saturday, with Quinn Collard, below, kicking four conversions and a penalty goal.

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Convincing win for Swamp Foxes

RUGBY

Thames Valley had a convincing 38-5 win over Whanganui in the final round robin match in the Heartland Rugby Championship. The result was very satisfactory for the Swamp Foxes as it was played in Whanganui's home ground at Cooks Gardens. For Thames Valley: Logan Allen

(2) Sione Etoni and Quin Collard scored tries with the addition of a penalty try. Quin Collard also kicked four conversions and one penalty goal. This victory has enabled Thames Valley to once again finish in the top four of the Heartland Championship. Final Placings: 1. Mid Canterbury 40 points. 2. South Canterbury 29 points.

3. Thames Valley 29 points and 4. Wairarapa Bush 28 points. Note: As they were defeated by South Canterbury (35-34) in their round robin match Thames Valley drop down to third place in a tie breaker. These four teams now play off for the Meads Cup and the semi finals will held next Saturday.

In the first semi final Mid Canterbury play Wairarapa Bush at Ashburton and this will be followed by South Canterbury playing Thames Valley in the second semi final at Timaru. In his eight round robin games first five eighth, Quin Collard has now scored 120 points for the Swamp foxes with seven tries, five penalty goals and 35 conversions.



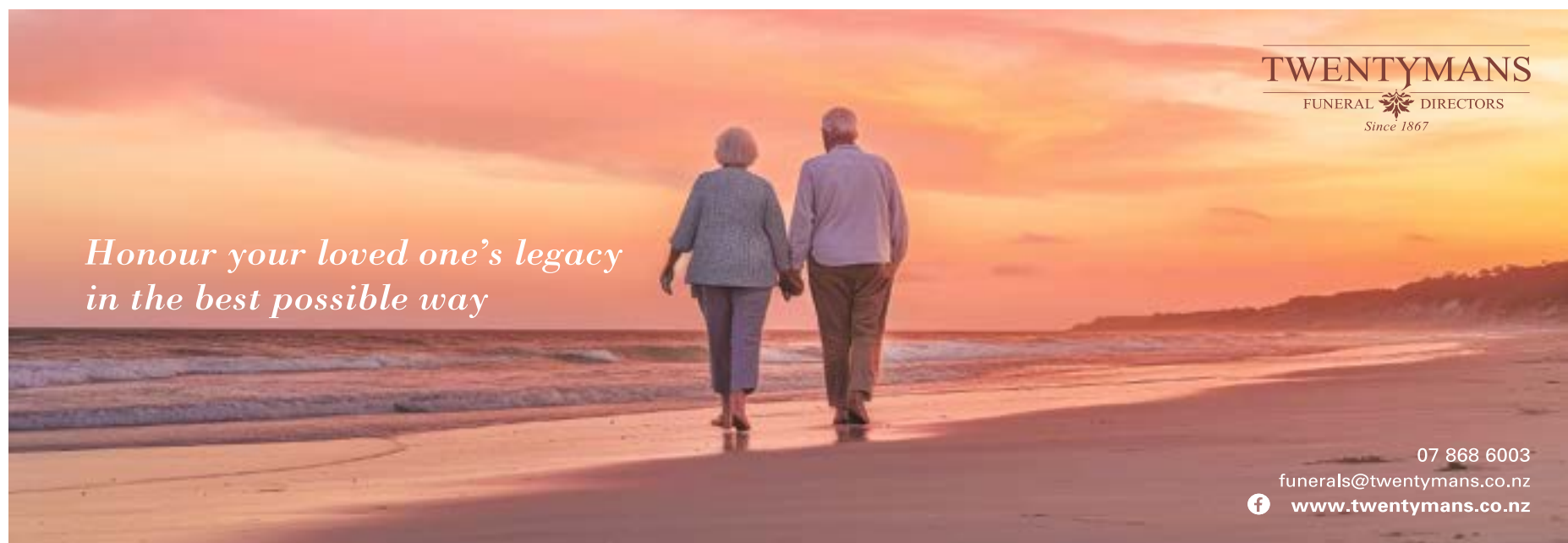
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EASY

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JUMBO CROSSWORD

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1 Heighten (7)
4 Indexed (10)
9 Squirrelled away (7)
13 Repulsive (4)
14 Tropical lizard (6)
15 Dazed (6)
16 Act (7)
19 Withered (10)
20 Put money into (8)
21 Dummy bullet (5)
24 Sharp reply (6)
25 Leapt (6)
27 Rampart (9)
32 Tubular pasta (8)
33 Marshy (6)
34 Domestic employee (7)
38 Excessive burden (8)
39 Nincompoop (6)
40 Precipitation (4)
41 Joker (5)
42 Alleviated (5)
45 Done or acting at random (14)
52 Steam bath (5)
55 True (5)
56 Fly alone (4)
57 Ditch (6)
58 Non-inclusion (8)
61 Beams (7)
62 Puncture (6)
63 Deliberate (8)
66 Ruler (9)
68 Demons (6)
69 Very handsome young man (6)
73 Unravels at the edges (5)

76 Wildly distraught (10)
81 Comfort (7)
82 Supported (6)
83 Permissible tolerance (6)
84 Settlement (4)
85 Waxy sticks (7)
86 Red athlete (anag) (10)
87 Hide-processing plant (7)

DOWN

1 Roof overhang (5)
2 Great merriment (8)
3 Inundate (6)
4 Mania (5)
5 Defrost (4)
6 Insulating wrap (7)
7 Furrow (6)
8 Borders (5)
10 Kiln (4)
11 Discomposed (7)
12 Going astray (6)
17 Reconditioned (10)
18 Core (5)
22 Mollifies (8)
23 Group of eight (5)
24 Breadcrumbed fried patty (7)
26 Small lake (4)
28 Analgesic drug (7)
29 Seasoned preserved sausage (6)
30 Small breed of fowl (6)
31 Flag (6)
33 Waste drain (5)

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36 Minus (4)
37 Haze (4)
43 Waterproof jacket
 (6)
44 Precise (5)
46 Midday (4)
47 Household chore
 (7)
48 Reacts (anag)(6)
49 Girl's name (5)
50 Of a mind to (8)
51 Stoat fur (6)
52 Garter straps (10)
53 Component part (4)
54 Yearly books (7)
59 Liberated (5)
60 Horse farm (4)
64 Reeking (5)
65 Short entertaining
 story (8)
67 Long eventful
 journey (7)
68 Red file (anag)(7)
70 Defensive coating
 (6)
71 Jewellery item (6)
72 Narrow sea
 channel (6)
75 Hunger for (5)
77 Surrender up (5)
78 Tall and thin (5)
79 Family (4)
80 Inkling (4)

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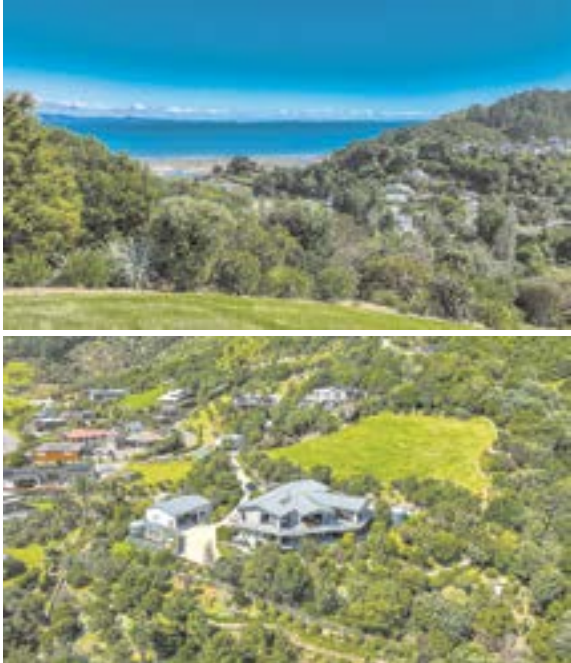
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Thames 209 Williamson Street

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This renovated miner's cottage blends classic character with modern comfort. Essentially rebuilt with thoughtful upgrades for easy living, it features a sleek galley kitchen, air conditioning, and a stylish wet-room bathroom with dual access from the main bedroom and lounge. French doors lead from the lounge to a sunny enclosed porch (no consents), then out to a deck and private courtyard garden—perfect for morning coffee or evening drinks. The fully fenced section includes an undercover car park and is an easy, flat stroll to town, Victoria Park, and the bowls club. Ideal for retirees, downsizers, lock-up-and-leave living, or a smart investment.

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Hunua 125 Wilson Road

Productive land in the Hunua foothills

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73.5917 ha

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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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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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14.32_{ha} 5 4 1

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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

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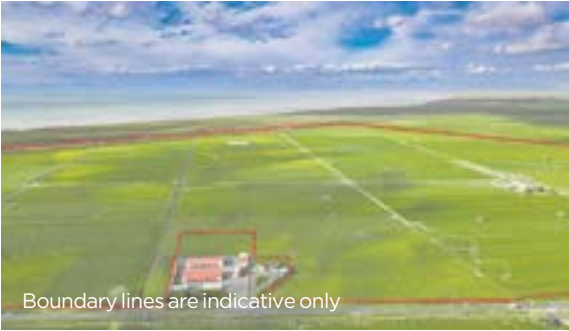
Outstanding value – \$210k below GV

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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119_{ha}

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Waitakaruru 619 State Highway 25

Sun, space & 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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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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Ngatea 4574 Orchard West Road

Well set-up land holding with future flexibility

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

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42.86_{ha}

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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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8,000sqm

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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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Waihi 81c Savage Road

Space to create, future possibilities, priced to move

Surrounded by established bush and set back from the road, this 4054sqm (more or less, subject to survey) section provides a peaceful and private setting. With no covenants in place, you have the freedom to design and build a home that suits your vision. Essential services - power, water, and fibre - are available at the boundary, simplifying the groundwork for your project. Families will value the close access to Waihi Primary, Waihi College, cafés and eateries. Nearby, the Hauraki Rail Trail and Karangahake Gorge provide cycling, bush walks, and riverside escapes. This is a location that balances lifestyle and accessibility, with Tauranga just 64km away and Hamilton 107km (more or less).

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4,054 sqm

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Thames 398C Kauaeranga Valley Road

Where business meets the river

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

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

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2.317_{ha} 610_{sqm}

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Paeroa 31 Marshall Street

Not your usual commercial box – must go

- 300sqm (approximately) floor area
- Staff facilities-fully equipped to meet your needs
- Double garaging suits vehicle storage, workshop, or additional office space

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379_{sqm} 300_{sqm}

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