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## Nursing community spirit



Alvi Idicula has been honoured at the Malayalam FM Community Excellence Awards.

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By ALICE PARMINTER

When a flight attendant called for a medical professional on a Fiji-bound airplane, Alvi Idicula didn't hesitate.

The Thames Hospital-based nurse practitioner assessed the distressed patient, saw he was having a stroke, and liaised with Fiji medics via satellite phone until the plane landed.

It wasn't the first time Alvi had interrupted his holiday to offer medical assistance. On a trip to Hamilton, he pulled over to help with a cardiac arrest patient on the side of the road. Another time, he stopped to help with a bike crash.

These incidents were just some of the many reasons for Alvi's recognition at the Malayalam FM Community Awards, held in Auckland on

February 21. Alvi was one of three finalists for the Best Malayali Male Nurse Award, and received a special jury mention for his excellence, compassion and leadership not only in the healthcare system, but also in the Malayali community.

He has certainly earned the honour.

Alongside his full-time job as a nurse practitioner, he is also heavily involved in his com-

munity. He is the manager for the Thames Strikers Club, sits on the St Francis School board, and helped organise the recent Hearts in Harmony cultural festival. He is actively involved in both the local Indian and Malayalam communities, working to keep the culture alive among younger generations. Alvi also teaches a post-graduate nursing paper at The University of Waikato. And

he has been invited as a guest speaker to several conferences, including International Nurses Day in the Waikato, the World Nursing Conference in Dubai, and the Nurse Practitioners Conference in Queenstown.

Alvi said everything he did was out of passion for his community.

"Every nurse gives their 100 per cent, you know."

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# Community leader recognised

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“There’s nothing special I do about it,” he told *The Profile*.  
“My heart is that community. And it just happens that nursing is an outlet for that community.”

Alvi moved to Thames from India in 2010, and quickly fell in love with the rural town.

“I don’t think there was another Indian in the hospital,” he said.

“And the people were so helpful, they knew that culture shock and they made sure I was well looked after. The people of Thames are why I’m still here.”

Alvi has worked in the emergency department ever since, and is now the first qualified nurse practitioner at the hospital.

“There is room to think differently. And that’s where my heart is - let’s train nurses so that we can create an effective health system,” he said.

“Recently I travelled to Tokoroa to train the nurses over there so they can do minor skills and procedures to free the doctors up... Thinking smartly and working efficiently is my motto.”

When he’s not on the clock, Alvi’s efforts go towards his voluntary work. The Thames Strikers sports and cultural club, which was established a couple of years ago, is one of his main focuses.

“Thames Strikers is the first [Indian] rural sports club in New Zealand,” he said.



Alvi Idicula receives his award. SUPPLIED

“We needed something for the kids that’s just not studies. We needed a platform where kids can hone their skills in extracurricular activities.”

“Because if we don’t show these younger generations the traditions and cultures, it’s going to die away.”

“It’s not just cricket. There is badminton, volleyball, there’s basketball. We were able to do school holiday programmes, free.”

“And very recently, we did a major cricket tournament in Thames.”  
Alvi said he could not have achieved all he had without the support of his family, the Indian and Malayalam community, the doctors and nurses at the hospital, and the nursing management team.

This is not a nursing award at all, it’s a community award,” he said.

“And everything happens in big cities, so to represent Thames on such a big platform - I was over the moon.”

## Chris’ Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. In the movie *The Matrix* (1999), does Neo decide to take the red pill or the blue pill?
2. Which musical artist has released albums with mathematical symbols such as + and ÷ as the album title?
3. True or false: our solar system is in almost the exact centre of the Milky Way (our galaxy)?
4. In which country is the standard greeting when answering the phone: ‘moshi moshi’?
5. In 1814, a deadly flood in London was caused by the accidental release of which liquid? a) Beer, b) milk, or c) molasses?
6. The Waikato town of Tatuani is a crossroads of two highways, SH26 and which other? a) SH2, b) SH25, or c) SH27?
7. Most famous for his hit *U Can’t Touch This* in 1990, MC Hammer changed his artist name in 1991 simply to: a) Ham, b) Hammer, or c) MC?
8. A red panda’s (*Ailurus fulgens*) closest living relative is which of these animals? a) Foxes, b) giant pandas, or c) raccoons?
9. True or false: it is possible to boil water at room temperature if parameters other than temperature are changed?
10. Which of these plants holds the record for the largest single flower in terms of width? a) *Rafflesia arnoldii*, b) Sacred Lotus, or c) Titan Arum?

ANSWERS: 1. The red pill; 2. Ed Sheeran; 3. False. We are located on one of the outer arms, 27,000 light years from the galactic centre; 4. Japan; 5. a) Beer; 6. c) SH27; 7. Hammer; 8. c) Raccoons; 9. True, water can boil at room temperature if there is very low pressure; 10. a) *Rafflesia arnoldii* - the largest was measured at 1.14m in width.

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Morning	1:16am 3.0	Morning	2:05am 2.9	Morning	3:02am 2.8	Morning	4:05am 2.8	Morning	5:06am 2.9	Morning	6:01am 3.0	Morning	12:31am 0.9
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	Best At 6:47am 7:12pm		Best At 7:38am 8:04pm		Best At 8:30am 8:56pm		Best At 9:22am 9:47pm		Best At 10:12am 10:37pm		Best At 11:01am 11:24pm		Best At 11:48am
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PLACE	Hr	Mn	LOW	Hr	Mn
Coromandel	-	0	04	-	03
Whitianga	-	0	01	-	06
Tairua	+	0	10	+	20
Whangamata	-	0	03	-	06
Waihi Beach	-	0	21	-	16

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# Jessica shares art that heals, brings hope

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The thing about Jessica Lines' artwork is that "it's just an extension of me".

"When you see me as a person, you should be able to know my art. I just embody colour as a walking, living canvas," the artist told *The Profile*.

"I think I started my journey with art maybe about nine years ago. It's just been a tool that I've used for my own healing, but also it's morphed into something else. "And it just brings me joy, it brings me peace and it just flows out of me," she said.

It's what makes the month of March a significant milestone for Jessica with her first art exhibition in more than six years: *Divine Creativity*.

Until the end of the month, Jessica's mosaics, acrylic paintings, ink work, mixed media art and more would be on display in the Crosby Gallery of the Paeroa Arts Centre daily from 10am to 3pm when the flags are out.

The "natural born entertainer", who loved to sing, dance and play music, said her source of inspiration boiled down to the fact she was a naturally spiritual person.

"I guess my brand is Divine Creativity, where heaven and earth meet. Everything that I create comes out of that meeting point where heaven and earth meet."

It wasn't a small thing for Jessica to put her art back out there again.



Jessica Lines brings her *Divine Creativity* exhibition to the Paeroa Arts Centre.

Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

"This is my heart exposed to the world, and it's scary, but you're putting yourself out there and sharing a bit of my inner world," she said.

"There were times when I

thought that I'd attempt to do an exhibition and due to my physical and mental health I just couldn't make it. But finally here I am and I think when I look around I can just see the determination and

strength that it took to get here and I'm happy with what I've done."

"A lot of my work is based on my life's journey. I try and create work that's bright, colourful and

overflowing in life.

"People can look at it and almost step into it as if they're stepping into another world," she said.

Mosaic art was something Jessica said she loved because "you take something broken and discarded and you turn it into something beautiful".

"I've had quite a journey of brokenness in my life. But I guess mosaics has been a bit of a therapy for me in which out of that, a treasure can form, like someone's rubbish becomes someone's treasure. Almost a bit like overcoming brokenness into wholeness," she said.

Jessica's journey led her to a diploma in art therapy as well, she said, and hoped to one day offer some wellness art classes in the community.

"Some of these works have been birthed out of works that I've done in my art therapy and then I've expanded them and put them on canvas."

It was important to Jessica that people could connect with her art through the exhibition.

"I want people, when they just come here, to just enjoy and sit and be with my art and let the pieces love on them really [and] bring joy, bring hope and life."

**DETAILS: Visit Jessica Lines' *Divine Creativity* art exhibition at Paeroa Arts Centre, 109 Normanby Rd, Paeroa, from 10am to 3pm daily until the end of March. Follow Paeroa Society of Arts on Facebook for updates.**

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A group of volunteers have formed a U3A group in Hauraki. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

## Life is for learning, even in retirement

By ALICE PARMINTER

A cluster of curious retirees are preparing for the inaugural lecture of their social learning group, which starts in Paeroa this month.

U3A Hauraki will feature monthly speakers presenting lectures on a wide variety of topics, from restorative justice to the art of guitar making, mountaineering to international animal conservation, and more.

U3A, or The University of the Third Age, is an international movement aiming to educate and stimulate older members of the community - those in their "third age".

Along with guest speakers, the movement also encourages people to form smaller "special interest groups" to focus on specific topics.

Gill Ellis, of Paeroa, is one of a handful of volunteers working to get U3A Hauraki off the ground. She said the idea of U3A held a lot of appeal.

"I was a university lecturer in research and business, but I've always wanted to know more about ancient Egypt, and I'd never studied physics," she said.

"It's just the idea of stretching people, of lifelong learners always getting stimulation and keeping [their] brains active."

So far, the organisers have had suggestions for a number of special interest

groups, including Te Reo Māori, genealogy, creative writing, various crafts, and book clubs. "You name it, there's probably an interest group. But it's all at a higher level. It wouldn't be a knitting circle for instance, but it might be a group of knitters who say, 'I might like to learn how to do Shetland Isle complicated patterns'," Gill said.

"There's a group looking at women in history, I think there's a group wanting to do communal singing. And the idea is four to six people meet in each other's homes... keeping community interests going."

The group's first lecture will take place on March 17 at the Paeroa Baptist Church with guest speaker Keith Woodley, manager of the Miranda Pūkoro Shorebird Centre. His talk is titled "Filling the Gap - Five Years of Shorebird Surveys in North Korea".

"[The talks] will be in-depth, but the guidelines for the organisation are that anybody is welcome," Gill said.

"You just have to have a curious mind that wants to find out about things. So it'll be intelligent, but it doesn't have to be only for an educated audience. That's the point."

**DETAILS: Lectures take place on the third Tuesday of the month from March 17, 10am-12pm, Paeroa Baptist Church, \$10 at the door, email [info@u3ahauraki.nz](mailto:info@u3ahauraki.nz).**

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**Good Luck to You, Leo Grande (97 mins)** M. Emma Thompson embodies the candor and apprehension of retired teacher Nancy, and newcomer Daryl McCormack (Peaky Blinders) personifies the charisma and compassion of sex worker Leo Grande. Nancy and Leo find a surprising human connection.

**EPIc: Elvis Presley in Concert (96 mins)** PG. A new cinematic experience from a visionary filmmaker. Features lost footage from Presley's Las Vegas residency, rare 16mm footage of Elvis on tour, precious 8mm from the Graceland archive, and rediscovered recordings of Elvis telling "his side of the story".

**Holy Days (101 mins)** PG. From the team behind the Kiwi hit Uproar, Holy Days is a hilarious, heartwarming 1970s dramedy with a star-studded cast. When young Brian discovers plans to close a convent of delightfully eccentric nuns, he sets off on a wild road trip across New Zealand to save them. Packed with laughs, quirky characters, and heart, this is a joyful adventure the young at heart will adore.

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# 'We just live and breathe motorbikes': Moto1

If there's one thing the team at Moto1 wants the community to know, it's that "we cater to all riders and all types of riding".

Family-owned and operated by Richard and Dakota Wood on Paeroa's main road, Moto1 is a one-stop shop of motorcycle parts and apparel for bike enthusiasts.

Whether it's from a scooter to adventure riding, road riding and dirt bikes - "we cover all of it", Dakota told *The Profile*.

"We provide good safe gear and accessories to people of all budgets, from entry-level gear right up to the top of the line.

"We're about to cover mountain bikes as well, which is really popular. They've really taken off, the e-bikes and e-mountain bikes. There are lots of bikers around here in the area, so we're going to get in some helmets and accessories for cyclists," Dakota said.

The store owners also have four children, and one on the way, who would also be brought up to "be little riders" too, she said.

Richard started the business around 15 years ago in Wiri, Auckland.

"Somebody described it on Google as being a bus shelter," Dakota said.

"He started really small, mainly in a workshop, working on bikes for 10 years. And then he had enough of that and decided to just focus on apparel."

The owners shifted from Auckland to Tauranga and after they had their first child, realised they were "a bit too far away" from family in Auckland, Dakota said, so "decided to meet in the middle" and settled their home and business in Paeroa.

It's been three years since they opened the doors to their 112 Normanby Rd location in Paeroa.

Now, Moto1 has become a destination spot for riders from across the country.

"So maybe they're wanting to go for a ride on the weekend and they're from up north or something, they'll hop on their bike and come down to see us.

"This morning [we] had somebody from New Plymouth. Most road riders will just jump on their bike and come and see us.

"I think it's quite interesting that we do get people from all over the country coming to see us. And they see us online and then they're just amazed at how much we manage to cram into this little shop."

It had taken 15 years to build up the amount of stock they had now, she said.

While Richard was undertaking



Moto1 team at their Paeroa store, from left to right: Sharon Hamilton, Yaran Kaarsemaker, Kayne McDougall, Richard, Kenzie, Evie, and Dakota Wood.

more work from home, the team back at the store included Dakota, Sharon Hamilton, Kayne McDougall and Yaran Kaarsemaker, who was in New Zealand on a work visa and left recently to travel the world on a motorbike.

Sharon, who manages the store, comes with a wealth of knowledge and understanding in motorcycle riding as she was involved with Paeroa's Battle of The Streets.

"She was on the board for the street racing in Paeroa and she's been riding for 40 years," Dakota said.

"She rides road bikes, Richard and I ride dirt bikes. We have ridden road bikes too, but mainly dirt bikes.

"We have lots of experience, all of us, with riding motor bikes. Richard used to race sports bikes on the track and stuff like that. So we've sort of done all styles of riding," she said.

Community was important to the team, and Dakota said they enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community by sponsoring events with prizes, such as the RSA and a bowls tournament.

"It's not necessarily motorcycle related [but] we do do a lot of motorcycle events though too. "We're just trying to give back to the im-



mediate community."

Every December, Moto1 looks forward to their daily December giveaway - where they give away a prize every day leading up to Christmas. But there's a catch. The prize gets bigger each day.

"Last year there was a \$1000 shop voucher on Christmas Day. That was the biggest prize, and also we gave away a kid's e-bike," she said.

With a vision to offer top-notch support for every customer, Moto1 is the place to go.

"We're quite a small, intimate team. I think we really pride ourselves on our customer service and trying to make sure that people

have a great experience and lots of options of stock to try on."

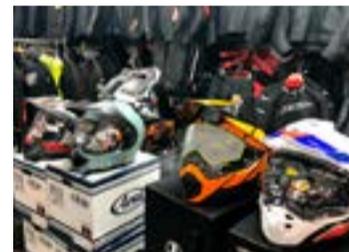
If there's something people are after but it's not currently an item Moto1 stocks "we can get it in".

"We're quite happy to get things in for people to try on. And most people like any excuse for a ride," Dakota said.

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## On the Land

# Project Kai couple turn over new leaf

By KELLEY TANTAU

In the heart of Waihi, a new market garden is taking root, grown from a shared desire to live and work more closely with the land.

After years in the city, Project Kai founders Tom Cardno and Bonnie Hu said they both felt “called toward a lifestyle” that was kinder to the land, more connected to nature, and more self-sufficient.

Tom previously worked as a grower for Te Motu Vineyard, where he ran a garden-to-table project supplying the restaurant with seasonal produce. The garden was highly productive, and surplus produce was distributed to supply other restaurants and the local community.

Bonnie, despite being new to growing, brings 10 years of experience running and starting multiple small businesses in Auckland.

Together, their goal is to provide high quality, freshly harvested, spray-free produce for the Waihi and Waihi Beach communities all year round.

“We believe resilient local food systems are vital for small towns,” Bonnie said. “Beyond growing food, we hope to share knowledge about soil health and



Bonnie Hu with a haul of radishes.

regenerative growing practices, helping people reconnect with where their food comes from and strengthening the link between garden and dinner plate.”

At Project Kai, baby leaf salad mix is a staple, alongside seasonal vegetables and microgreens. With limited land space, Bonnie said the focus was on fast-growing, space-efficient crops that were highly nutritious and versatile.

“Fresh leafy greens can elevate almost any meal,” she said.

Currently, they are regularly harvesting baby leaf mizuna, rocket, kale, spinach, radishes, and pak choi. Cucumbers, courgettes, beans and sugar snap peas are coming soon, as the pair only broke ground and began sowing in late January, missing



Tom Cardno and Bonnie Hu are the couple behind new market garden venture Project Kai. Photos: SUPPLIED

the window for some summer staple crops.

“One of our most exciting plans for next summer is tomatoes,” Bonnie said. “While at Te Motu, Tom grew the tomatoes used in

their popular dish ‘Tom’s Toms’.

“We’re looking forward to Waihi locals tasting Tom’s tomatoes in their own kitchen.”

The pair use no pesticides or synthetic fertilisers on their pro-

duce - which is freshly harvested and goes directly to the local community by way of a self-serve chilly bin stand at 50 Savage Rd, and at the Farmers Market in Waihi Beach.

But Bonnie said as a new venture, one of their biggest challenges had been building awareness, and finding the most convenient ways for people to buy their produce.

“We have been visiting local cafes and restaurants with samples.

“It can be challenging to compete with bulk suppliers offering lower prices, but we believe there is growing appreciation for high quality, locally grown food,” she said.

“Another ongoing learning curve is balancing supply and demand, growing enough to distribute while avoiding food waste.”

However, the support from the Waihi and Waihi Beach communities had been “incredibly encouraging and heart-warming,” she said.

Locals can support Project Kai by visiting them at the Farmers Market or purchasing directly from the self-serve farm stand.

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# On the Land

## Profitability at all-time high, but farmers cautious

Strong returns and lower debt-servicing costs mean more farmers than ever are making a profit, according to the latest Federated Farmers Confidence Survey.

Of nearly 650 farmers who responded to the survey in late January and early February, 70 per cent said their farm was currently profitable.

“That’s the highest level since we started our twice-yearly Farm Confidence Survey back in 2009,” Federated Farmers president Wayne Langford said.

“It’s great to see farmers doing well after several tough years of

rising costs and uncertainty. When farmers are profitable, that’s good news for the rest of New Zealand.

“That money flows into rural communities and the wider economy, supporting local businesses, creating jobs and strengthening regional New Zealand.”

The mid-season survey shows farmers are feeling the most confident about current economic conditions since 2017, with a net 37 per cent positive score.

“That’s a big turnaround from 2023/24, when farmer confidence was stuck at rock bottom and looked like it was just going to keep falling,” Langford said.

“Improved commodity prices are the key driver, as well as lower lending interest rates.

“At the same time, Federated Farmers has been working incredibly hard to cut some of the red tape that was holding our sector back, and we’ve had a government that’s listened to our concerns.

“That easing of regulation has really helped breathe new life back into rural New Zealand again.”

The recovery from 2023/24 is now firmly established across most sectors, with the number of profitable dairy farms stable at 81 per cent, and meat and wool farms improving substantially.

“Arable farm profitability continues to lag at 41 per cent, but that’s a small improvement from our July, 2025, survey.

“It’s been an incredibly challenge year and harvest for our arable farmers across the country” he said.

Despite favourable current conditions for farmers, the survey shows many are feeling apprehensive about the future, with concerns about cost pressures and market volatility.

When asked about their expectations for after-tax profit over the next 12 months, farmers’ optimism dropped sharply, with more now

predicting a fall in profits than an increase.

This marks the first negative profitability outlook since early 2024.

“Dairy farmers were particularly pessimistic,” Langford said.

“With forecast payouts hovering around \$8.50-\$9.50 per kilogram of milk solids, but rising input costs pushing the break-even margin to \$8.50, there’s quite a bit of nervousness there.

“Farmers might be receiving strong milk cheques, but it’s the margin that matters. If costs keep rising, that will quickly eat away at profitability.”



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## Facial eczema - the hidden danger in your pasture



By Annalise Riley, BVSc (Dist), Vet, Waihi

While many are making the most of the warm weather, the combination of high temperatures and lingering humidity

means facial eczema remains firmly on the radar for farmers and livestock owners across the region.

Facial eczema is a toxic reaction caused by spores from the fungus *Pithomyces chartarum*, which grows on pasture in warm, humid conditions. When ingested, these spores damage the liver, allowing photodynamic chemicals from the grass to build up in the skin, leading to photosensitisation — a painful condition in which exposed skin becomes inflamed, swollen, and sensitive to sunlight.

Multiple grazing species can be affected, including cattle, sheep, and alpacas. Early signs include animals seeking shade, restlessness, and reddening or peeling of the skin around the face, ears, and udders. Production losses can be significant, and in severe cases, facial eczema can become fatal.

Someone who knows the effects of facial eczema all too well is Willow (pictured). Willow’s owners noticed she was isolating herself from the flock and seemed irritated by the sun. Within days, the skin on her ears and face became red and swollen, and it started to peel, prompting a call to the vets.

The combination of her clinical signs and elevated liver enzymes on bloodwork confirmed a diagnosis of facial eczema. Willow was promptly moved to a shaded paddock with access to supplementary feed and treated with pain relief and antibacterial sunblock to minimise further skin damage as she recovered.



An example of early facial eczema lesions. BELOW: Willow and her lambs last season.



When it comes to facial eczema, prevention is key. Regular regional and on-farm spore counts allow farmers to track risk levels and make informed grazing decisions. Fungicides applied before spore levels rise, careful rotational grazing, and avoidance of high-risk paddocks can all reduce exposure.

Zinc supplementation — in feed, water, or via a drench — protects against spore-induced liver damage, with zinc boluses offering the longest-lasting protection. Combined, these strategies significantly reduce the impact of facial eczema and help protect both animal welfare and production outcomes.

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# On the Land Call for deer sightings

Visitors to the southern parts of Coromandel Forest Park and landowners with adjacent properties are being urged to report deer sightings as an eradication operation gets underway.

Coromandel has traditionally been deer-free and is not a recreational deer hunting area.

However, aerial surveillance conducted by the Department of Conservation in 2025 revealed a deer herd - prompting a new work programme to remove the animals from the southern tract of the Coromandel Forest Park.

DOC Hauraki-Waikato-Taranaki regional director Tinaka Mearns said the surveillance confirmed a staff suspicion deer were in the forest park - and acting decisively to remove them was essential.

"Deer damage native forests by feeding on forest plants, trees, and seedlings. This has a flow on impact to resilience of the forest and land stability.

"For some time, DOC and its partners have strived to keep Coromandel deer-free. We aim to maintain the wild-deer-free area to reduce pressure on native plants and habitats."

In Coromandel, deer presence was a particular concern as the animals were a suspected vector for kauri disease, DOC said.

The Coromandel had thousands of taonga kauri, and the disease was already present in some locations - so stopping its spread was "vital".

Work to remove the deer will start this month, with communication to adjacent landowners, Tinaka said.

"For wild deer management operations to be effective we need to work across both public and private land.

"Landowners will be notified prior to the start of hunting operations. We'll also ensure we obtain a written permission from landowners to carry out our deer management operations on their properties.

The first phase of work will include further surveillance work by experienced contract hunters.

"The surveillance will determine the presence and distribution of the deer, and will be followed by targeted hunting to remove the animals."

Landowners can help by immediately reporting any fallow and red deer they encounter on their properties as soon as possible so we can arrange for a quick hunter response.

People going about usual activities such as farming or pig hunting can also shoot any deer they see in Coromandel Forest Park or on adjacent land (with permission), if safe to do so. DOC would welcome information on these types of deer encounters or removal.

The general public and visitors natur-ing in the forest park can help by reporting deer sightings in the southern area of the Coromandel Forest Park to 0800 DOC HOT.

The work starting this month will also ascertain if the deer have established a breeding population, and what ongoing resource will be needed for eradication.

"With the ongoing commitment of re-source, and the support of landowners and the wider public, we believe we can remove this deer herd from Coroman-del," Tinaka said.

"This work is important to prevent long-term ecological damage and re-duce future management costs to keep Coromandel deer-free."

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## END OF AN ERA

The Thames Valley Tangata Ora Trust is a social enterprise, located opposite the Thames Hospital.

For the last nine years we have been providing services such as advice and information and the sale and hire of mobility equipment and daily living aids to our local communities at affordable prices.

Any income from sales have helped to fund our operational costs and support/advocacy services - to help people navigate WINZ/ MSD, and Health and Disability services/processes and entitlements, as well as support to apply for individual funding for mobility scooters and Total Mobility Scheme assessments. Community funding agencies have provided essential support by way of grants for general operational costs. Sadly, more of our applications to funders have been declined recently due to the general economic downturn - ironically, the reason why our services continue to be in demand; difficulties replacing/recruiting board members and volunteers.

Unfortunately, this means we are now on a timeframe to permanent closure as our operations are becoming unsustainable.

We will be closing on March 31, 2026, and the Trust will be 'wound down' according to the process required by the Charities Commission.

The Manager and Board would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks for the support we have had from our local communities over the last 9 years since Tangata Ora Trust was established in 2017.

We would especially like to thank our Patron, Bill van Dammen, who has dedicated his support for those nine years; our past Trustees; Lena Fisher who has been with us since the beginning, and Helene White, who has dedicated at least six years



The Thames Valley Tangata Ora Trust will close this month. File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

to us as a volunteer. As there are no other similar services that we are aware of, providing mobility equipment on the Coromandel Peninsula and Hauraki districts we suggest contacting the Mobility Centre in Hamilton or Tauranga.

For anyone wanting to access the Total Mobility Scheme assessments please contact Age Concern. Our final open day will be Thursday, March 26.

- Robyn Pengelly,  
Thames Valley Tangata Ora Trust

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Think warm rusts, deep burgundy, soft caramel, olive greens and buttery neutrals layered through your home. Matte finishes, natural fibres, ceramics, timber and woven elements all help create that cosy, welcoming feeling the cooler

months bring. Flowers and botanicals are one of the simplest ways to reflect the season indoors.

Autumn arrangements often lean into textural varieties and sculptural foliage — branches, berries, seed pods and layered greenery that bring depth and interest. These pieces don't need to be large or elaborate; even a small arrangement on a coffee table, bedside or entryway can shift the mood of a space.

Another favourite styling trick is to work in small seasonal moments throughout your home rather than one big feature.

A vase of flowers in the kitchen, a cluster of candles on a tray, or a few textured vessels grouped together can instantly warm up a room.

Most importantly, styling your space should feel personal.

Choose pieces that bring you joy, reflect the season outside, and help your home feel like a place to rest and reconnect.

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## Bluegrass group tours Kauaeranga Hall

Progressive bluegrass band You, Me, Everybody hits the road in 2026 for a national tour celebrating *Midnight*, their new album.

*Midnight* debuted in the New Zealand album charts at number two, exploring the moment when one day ends and the next begins. The album captures the tension and possibility of life's turning points, brought to life onstage through rich harmonies, bold instrumental interplay, and great storytelling.

Recognised as finalists for Best NZ Folk

Artist at the 2021 Aotearoa Music Awards, the group has earned widespread acclaim, including a global audience after their song *Stranger* featured in Netflix's *Sweet Tooth*.

The *Midnight* Tour sees the band bring their new album to Kauaeranga Hall Music as part of a 12-date run across Aotearoa.

**DETAILS: You, Me, Everybody, March 14, 7.30pm at the Kauaeranga Hall, 437 Kauaeranga Valley Rd, Thames. Door sales \$28, prepaid \$25 from events.humanitix.com or Garden Music, 712 Pollen St.**

## CLASSIFIEDS - Deadline 12 noon Monday

Death Notices	For Lease	For Sale	Land Wanted
<p><b>CLEMENT, Lenore Betson:</b>                      Passed away peacefully at Matamata County Lodge on Thursday 5 March 2026. Loved wife of the late Stuart. Loving mother of David and Julie, Heather, Bruce and Asha, Ross and Karen. Grandma to 8 and great grandma to 6.                      A celebration of Lenore's life will be held at Broadway funeral home. Short st, Matamata on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 1pm. The service will be live streamed please refer to funeralhome.co.nz                      All communications to the Clement family c/- 10 Short Street, Matamata.</p> <p><b>BROADWAY CENTRAL HERBS</b></p>	<p><b>Yards for lease,</b> Thames and Kopu. Suitable for trucks, vehicles or trade business base. Ph 027 440 7101</p>	<p><b>Firewood for sale.</b> Pine. \$100 per cube. Ph 027 385 2806</p> <p><b>Beko touch control</b> wall oven, Beko touch control hob, 50" Samsung flat tv. 3 for \$500. All in very good working order. Ideal for home or bach. Ph Tom on 027 290 0450</p>	<p><b>Wanted to Lease/Rent land</b> while I look for another farm to buy anything considered Please call or text Richard 0279332015</p>
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## Public Notice

### Council Land Drain Maintenance Programme

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Hauraki District Council Drainage Bylaw Clause 10.1, that Council's annual drain maintenance programme will operate from November 2025 to June 2026.

During this time council staff and contractors will be entering onto private property to spray aquatic weeds by vehicle or helicopter using an approved weed control chemical or to clear drains using an excavator. Work will take place in these areas:

**Drainage District**  
 Western Plains, Eastern Plains, Kōmata North, Opukeko, Tirohia, Rotokohu and Taramaire.

**Town**  
 Ngātea, Kerepēhi, Tūrua, Paeroa, Waihi, Whiritoa and Kaiaua.

Individual property owners will be advised only when the excavator is in their area, before work starts.

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## Public Notice

### Temporary Road Closure

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**Period of closure:** Sunday 15 March 2026, 9.00am to 6.00pm.

**Road to be closed:** Pukewera Road, Waihi (RP 1.030 – 4.320).

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the proposed period of closure.

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## Public Notices

### HAURAKI DISTRICT LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE



#### RE-ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2026 – 2029 TERM

Applications are invited from persons prepared to serve as members on the Land Drainage Committee in the Hauraki District. Nominations will need to be submitted on the prescribed form and sent to:

Post: The Chief Executive  
Hauraki District Council  
PO Box 17  
Paeroa 3640

Email: [info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

**Nominations close 4 pm, Friday 27 March 2026.**

Each candidate shall be a drainage ratepayer in one of the respective drainage subdivisions described below and be nominated by a drainage ratepayer within that subdivision. It is expected that those appointed will serve for approximately a three-year term (to March 2029). The Land Drainage Committee will have the standing of a Committee reporting to Council.

The drainage subdivisions are:

- WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT (4 committee members)
  - Waitakaruru/Miranda
  - Rawerawe
  - Pouarua/Waikumete
  - Patetonga/Mangawhero
  - Pipiroa
  - Ngatea/Puhunga
  - Kaihere/Torehapa
  - Pouarua/Maukoro Scheme
- EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE DISTRICT (4 committee members)
  - Orongo/Kopuarahi
  - Huirau
  - Awaiti West
  - Netherton West
  - Horahia
  - Wharepoa
  - Awaiti East
  - Netherton East
- PAEROA RURAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT (2 committee members)
  - Komata North
  - Tirohia/Rotokohu
  - Opukeko
- TARAMAIRE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (1 committee member)
  - Taramaire

In the event that more nominations are received than there are vacancies, an election may be held within the ratepayer electorate of the respective subdivision.

In the event that there are no nominees in any particular subdivision, Council may appoint or second a member to ensure fair and equitable representation.

Information, including a map of the drainage districts and nomination forms, are available on Council's website - scan the QR code or visit <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/meetings/committees/land-drainage-committee-elections>.



Information packs are also available from our Paeroa and Ngātea service centres.

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### Thames

**Saturday 25 April 2026**

- From 5:30am to 10:30am
  - Pollen Street from Walter St to Sealey St
- From 5:30am to 12pm
  - Mary Street from Pollen St to Queen St

An approved copy of the Traffic Management Plan including road closure maps may be requested from Thames-Coromandel District Council.

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### Thames

**10pm Sunday 10th May to 6am Wednesday 13th May 2026 Full Road Closure (No Access)**

- **Kirkwood Street – between Pahau St and Cochrane St (Access to funeral home carpark will be facilitated by Traffic Management on site for any funerals that take place during this period)**
- **Pollen Street – between Pahau St and Cochrane St**
- **Martha Street – between Pahau St and Cochrane St**
- **Cochrane Street – between Queen St and Mackay St**

**10pm Sunday 10th May to 6am Wednesday 13th May 2026 Resident Access only**

- **Kirkwood Street – between Cochrane St and Albert St**
- **Pollen Street – between Cochrane St and Campbell St**

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## NGĀ POU TAUNAHA O AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa advises of **four altered Crown protected area names and one new Crown protected area name resulting from the Ngāti Pāoa Claims Settlement Act 2025. These names became official on the settlement date, 4 March 2026.**

The features are in Auckland and Waikato Region. More information is in the New Zealand Gazetteer: <https://gazetteer.linz.govt.nz/>

<i>New or altered official Crown protected area name</i>	<i>Generic Term (Purpose of Reservation) and Description</i>	<i>Former Name and New Zealand Gazette Notice</i>
Papakura Pā Scientific Reserve	A scientific reserve at the northwestern end of Tiritiri Matangi Island that was formerly part of Tiritiri Matangi Island Scientific Reserve. Centred on NZTopo50-AZ32 682487.	Part of Tiritiri Matangi Island Scientific Reserve, <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , 1980, No. 92, page 2345
Pūkoro / Miranda Scenic Reserve	A scenic reserve approximately 4.3km south-southwest of Pūkoro / Miranda. Gazetted at NZTopo50-BB33 032766.	Miranda Scenic Reserve, <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , 22 May 2009, No.73, page 1699
Pūkoro / Miranda Scientific Reserve	A scientific reserve approximately 4.2km south of Pūkoro / Miranda. Centred on NZTopo50-BB34 050766.	Miranda Scientific Reserve, <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , 18 July 1985, No.132, page 3056
Pūkoro / Miranda Taramaire Government Purpose Reserve Wildlife Management Area	A government purpose reserve for wildlife management on the southwestern shore of the Firth of Thames, approximately 1.7km north of Pūkoro / Miranda. Gazetted at NZTopo50-BB34 054842.	Miranda Taramaire Government Purpose Reserve Wildlife Management Area, <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , 22 May 2009, No.73, page 1699
Te Haupa Island Scenic Reserve	A scenic reserve on Te Haupa Island at the entrance to Mahurangi Harbour, Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana. Centred on NZTopo50-AZ32 565579.	Te Haupa (Saddle) Island Scenic Reserve, <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , 9 February 2026, Notice No. 2026-In575



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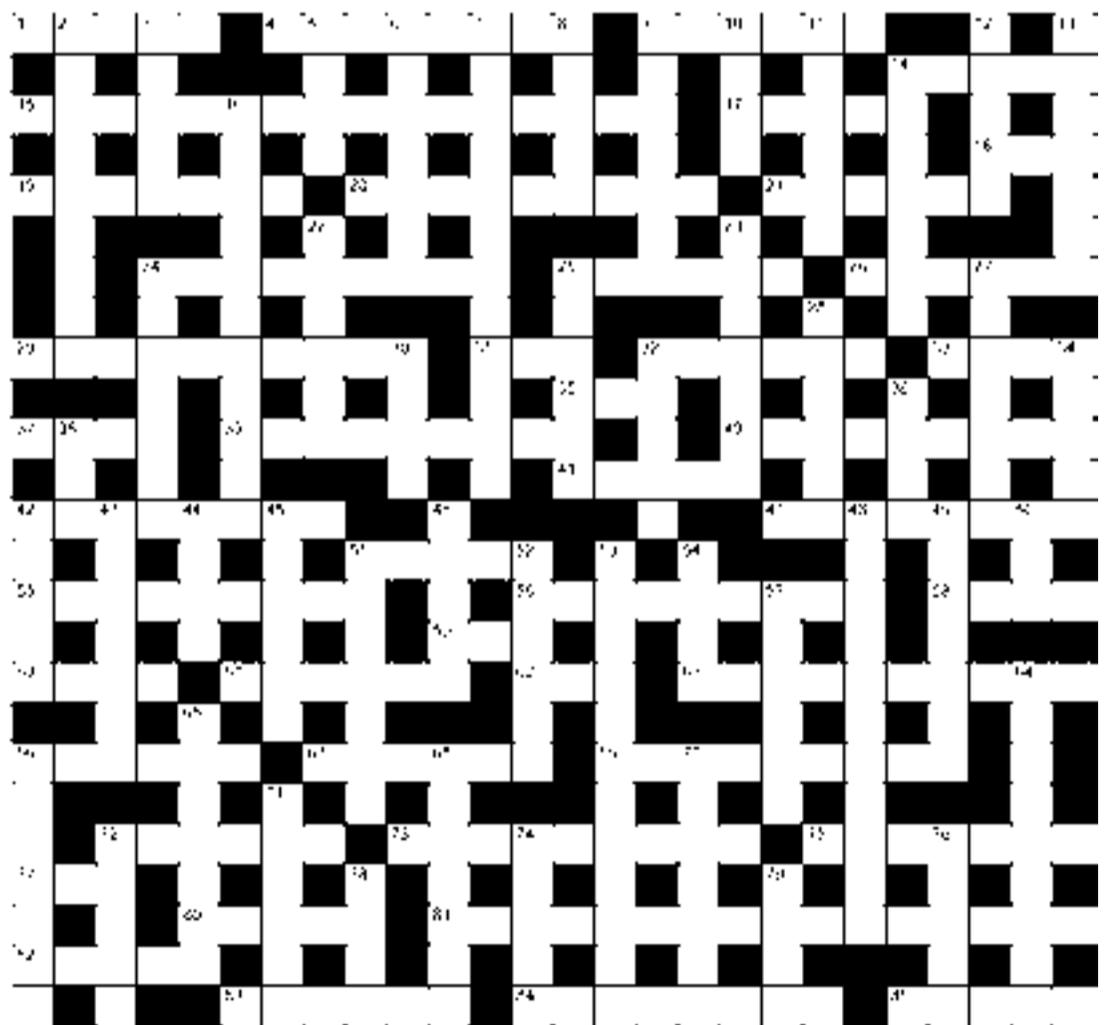
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  - 22 Drooped (6)
  - 23 Greet (7)
  - 24 Prove more powerful (7)
  - 25 Perspires (6)
  - 27 Complying with (7)
  - 28 Confer holy orders on (6)
  - 30 Fury (4)
  - 32 Cautionary colour (5)
  - 34 Bordered (5)
  - 36 Large feline (4)
  - 38 Garland (3)
  - 42 Go aimlessly (5)
  - 43 Object (7)
  - 44 Evil giant (4)
  - 45 Of help (6)
  - 46 Guide (5)
  - 48 Boxing division (11)
  - 49 Think highly of (7)
  - 50 Watch (3)
  - 51 Fate (7)
  - 52 Alternative (6)
  - 53 Your elephant (anag)(12)
  - 54 Mongolian desert (4)
  - 57 Graceful antelope (6)
  - 64 Woodwork (9)
  - 65 Crammed full (7)
  - 66 Learner (7)
  - 68 Ruined (7)
  - 70 Agrees (7)
  - 71 Meal (6)
  - 72 Tiny particles (5)
  - 74 Fire prod (5)
  - 76 Metal bar (5)
  - 78 Lofty (4)
  - 79 Begging request (4)



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ACROSS: 1 Marsh, 4 Cool as a cucumber, 14 Chile, 15 Grove, 16 Leprechaun, 17 Offer, 19 Elk, 20 Microbe, 21 Sculpture, 22 Crocus, 25 Scholarly, 27 Pulpit, 28 Dearth, 33 Enterprise, 35 Air, 36 Cherub, 37 Spiv, 39 Fur, 41 Hairpin, 42 Gateau, 43 Advancing, 44 Medal, 45 Attorney, 50 Me, 51 Typeface, 55 Inlay, 58 Reprimand, 59 Staple, 60 Operate, 61 Tot, 63 Wick, 64 Wealth, 65 Elf, 66 Withdrawal, 68 Walrus, 69 Bitchy, 71 Stammered, 76 Send-up, 77 Tenacious, 79 Ominous, 81 Tip, 84 Cater, 85 Implicated, 86 Trait, 87 Eerie, 88 Entente cordiale, 89 Vents.

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**Ngatea 38 Pipiroa Road**

**Character living with contemporary comfort**

This renovated 1960s home combines modern comfort with enduring character, framed by established planting. A light-filled open plan kitchen, living and dining area sits at the centre, designed for easy everyday living. The kitchen offers generous bench space and storage, while the living area is warmed by a heat pump and gas fireplace, supported by an HRV system. Three double bedrooms include built-in wardrobes, with extra storage in the master. A rumpus room, office currently used as a bedroom, and second bathroom add flexibility. Covered outdoor living extends to the garden on 1,644sqm (more or less).

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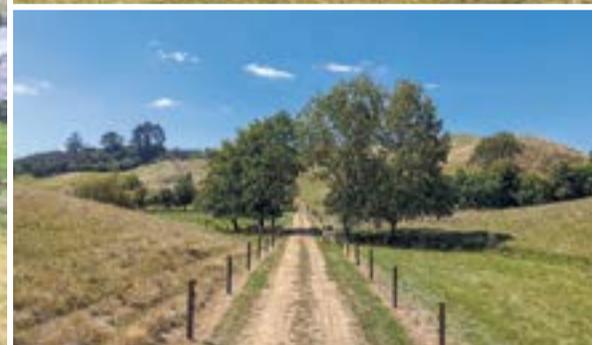
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**Established 16ha grazing - build your dream lifestyle**

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**Hikutaia 246 Maratoto Road**

**A refreshed rural home at the gateway to the valley**

Set near the mouth of the Maratoto Valley, this thoughtfully modernised home sits confidently within a strong rural setting, with much of the groundwork already complete for easy country living. Recently relocated onto a new subfloor, it features durable monolithic cladding and practical upgrades that support everyday comfort. The flat 3.99ha (more or less) offers generous yet manageable space, allowing flexibility to shape the land over time. Inside, the layout suits modern life, while the deck provides a place to pause and enjoy wide rural views. There is scope for additional shedding, complemented by a well-established orchard and a friendly rural community.

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**OPEN HOME**



**Thames 39 Te Ana Lane**

**Easy living with rural views**

This elevated 7,000sqm (more or less) property provides generous space, rural views, and a private setting just minutes from Thames township. Framed by native bush and birdlife, creating a peaceful environment that remains practical and accessible. The home is thoughtfully arranged and comfortable to live in, featuring two bedrooms including a master with its own ensuite, a family bathroom, a spacious kitchen connecting to a large dining and lounge area, study and heating via both a wood burner and heat pump. Step outside onto the deck and take in the expansive rural views. The property also includes a single garage, with a carport converted with one bedroom and bathroom (unconsented).

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