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Wearable wonders

When it comes to the art of self-expression through fashion and wearable art, a college in the Hauraki punches well above its weight.

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The regional Toi wearable art competition took place in Tauranga on June 16 where a group of students from Waihi College dominated the stage.

Not one, not two but six awards were swept up by five students, including the event's top prize.

Waihi College's Zoe-Beth Naisby, 18, stole the show when she clinched not only the Excellent Garment Construction Award but also the top honour as Star of The Night with her design named *Beyond The Weave*.

The Innovative Use of Materials Award was snapped up by Breeze Clothier for her design called *Preserved Petals*, Cleopatra Huang received the Powerful Storytelling Award for her *White Terror* design, while the Outstanding Presence Award was snapped up by Aleera Castro for *Merry-Go-Round of Reminiscence* and Mahana Magee for *Te Timatanga o Te Ao*.

Scooping the top prize was something Zoe-Beth said she "seriously couldn't believe".

She said the awards "mean a lot to me" because the young designer wanted to pursue a career in fashion design.

"This opportunity has been a great stepping stone," she told *The Profile*.

The young creator, who designed her garment predominantly made out of black plastic bags, said she was proud of the recognition for her hard work and creative concept.

"The feeling was surreal, and I never would

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Award-winning designer Zoe-Beth Naisby, left, with model Ruby Wilhelmi in *Beyond The Weave*.

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Cleopatra Huang in *White Terror*, left. Breeze Clothier models *Preserved Petals*; and Aleera Castro jumps for joy in her design.

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have expected receiving Star of the Night, considering I was amazed by everyone else's creations."
As part of her prize, Zoe-Beth received a Bernina stationery pack and the chance to be shortlisted for the National Toi Awards, which will be announced on August 14.
When *Beyond the Weave* was revealed to the audience, Zoe-Beth said she was "super proud of myself" and happy with the stage presence. "The way the stage lights reflected on the garment was exactly what I envisioned from using rubbish bags as my main material. I was also very proud of my fabulous model, Ruby Wilhelmi, for doing justice to the garment."
The garment was primarily made of black plastic bags that were cut into strips, encased in wire for structure and rope for thickness, and every strand was individually assembled and sewn together.
"I used about 150 metres of each material for this. I then wove the bodice and created the skirt. I had to consider a lot of health and safety due to the wire but took the time to make my garment safe and wearable for my model."



Her hope for people who witnessed *Beyond the Weave* was that they "see my idea through the story my garment tells".
"The woven bodice and braided belt represent the connections that surround us. The unravelled weaving across the chest and skirt symbolises evolving into our own person and choosing an individual path."
"At first it appears chaotic, raw and unrefined, yet beneath the disorder lies undeniable beauty, independence, resilience and personal growth."
Her message and encouragement for other students interested in creating wearable art was simple.
"Don't be afraid to create something unconventional and that might turn out a bit 'weird' - those are often the best ideas."
"Secondly, at some point, you might be over the hard work and repetition that goes into creating a wearable arts garment, but it will be so worth it when you are finished."
Wearable art and fashion design teacher Paige Kingston said she was so proud of the courage all the Waihi College designers and models showed. "It was so wonderful to have all of their hard work acknowledged and celebrated alongside so many talented



Grace-Kelly Rawiri, left, and designer Mahana Magee with her design *Te Tīmatanga o Te Ao*. rangitahi in our wider community. There were countless hours poured into these garments from research through to construction and they all looked fantastic on stage. "I hope they continue to follow their passions and creative pursuits, in whatever medium that may be."

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Whangamatā	-0	03	-0	06
Waihi Beach	-0	21	-0	16

National award caps attendance turnaround

By KELLEY TANTAU

A fivefold increase in regular student attendance has earned Kaihere School a national education award.

The rural Hauraki school won the Excellence in Student Engagement and Attendance category at the inaugural 2026 New Zealand Education Excellence Awards.

Announced at a ceremony held at Parliament in Wellington last month, Kaihere School was commended by the Ministry of Education for demonstrating the power of “deeply committed, community-centred leadership”, and creating a place where students felt valued and whānau felt connected.

The school’s regular attendance rate lifted from 13 per cent at the end of 2024 to close to 80 per cent in just one term.

Principal Ngaire Harris said it was a result of focusing on place, purpose, and people.

“We cleaned up and re-landscaped our grounds from the entrance way to every classroom and office so that the school felt like somewhere you would want to be,” she told *The Profile*.

“Our core purpose is learning in the classroom, and we redesigned and expanded our curriculum to ensure it was engaging, purposeful, and responded



Kaihere School principal Ngaire Harris, right, and teacher Sarah Koch outside Parliament in Wellington, where the Hauraki kura won a national education award.

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to the kids’ interests.

“In terms of people, we simply welcomed anyone and everyone through the gates who felt they had a talent and time to contribute. When children see their place being cared for,

their learning being valued, and their community standing alongside them, then they want to be at school.”

Ngaire said the award reflected the efforts of a community built on “good people working

hard” - pointing to the past 18 months in which volunteers contributed “countless hours” to landscaping, painting, cleaning, mowing, maintaining the school’s swimming pool, and donating sports gear and class-

room resources.

“Not just parents, but also those who have had in the past, children and grandchildren who attended Kaihere School, and many who were not in any way connected to our school but were happy to contribute to our common purpose.”

She said the award was “a deeply proud moment” for the entire community, with the school’s first reaction to the win being “a mixture of pride, gratitude, and genuine emotion”.

“For staff, students, and parents, the award is a powerful acknowledgement of everyone’s commitment, with a clear message that their work is seen and valued.

“The award isn’t something we see as belonging to the school alone - it belongs to generations of staff, parents, whānau, trustees, and the wider community who believed and continue to believe in Kaihere School,” she said.

The 2026 inaugural awards ceremony took place at Parliament in Wellington on June 24 and was attended by Minister of Education Hon Erica Stanford.

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The finale saw passionate players on both sides play with heart, mana and pride. But following a season "we'll never forget", the team to walk away with the Karly Forsyth Memorial Cup and a 48-12 victory was Te Poho ō Paeroa.

"Making history as the first Paeroa women's rugby team to win a championship is something

we'll carry with pride forever. We didn't just win a final - we created a piece of history for our club and our community," the champions said. "Thank you to everyone who believed in us from day one. Your support pushed us when we needed it most, and we'll never forget hearing you on the sidelines every week." The Hauraki North Diamonds snapped up third place in their clash against the Coromandel Hornets with a score of 17-10.

Reporter **DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA** was there to capture some of the grit and determination.



Thames and Paeroa play with passion until the end.



Hauraki Diamonds vs Coro Hornets.



Steph Te Ohaere-Fox makes a pass.



Captain Roxanne Te Moananui revels in the win.



Champions stand proud.

Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Aroha Wehipeihana storms through.



Thames Taniwha put up a fight.



Te Poho ō Paeroa are the champions of the 2026 Women's Premier.

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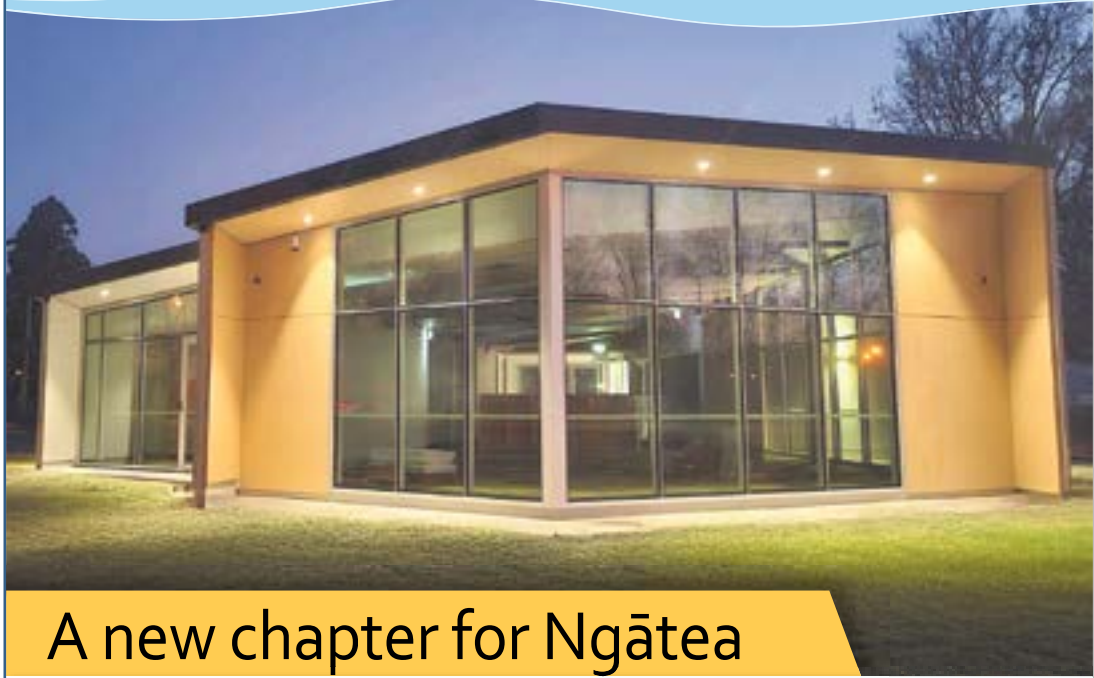
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A new chapter for Ngātea

He Pātaka Kōrero | Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre opens to the community

The new He Pātaka Kōrero | Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre will open its doors to the community for the first time on Thursday 23 July.

The new centre is more than a building. It will bring library and Council services together in one easy-to-use place for Ngātea and nearby communities, while offering a warm, welcoming space for people of all ages to meet, learn, share ideas and enjoy community life.

A thoughtful start for a much-loved community space

Before the doors open to the public, a whakatūwhera/dawn blessing will be shared to support the building's transition from a construction site into a living community space.

Everyone is welcome to help celebrate

To celebrate the new centre, everyone is invited to enjoy a week of events at the library, starting on Thursday 23 July.

There will be something for all ages, including Matariki Storytime and a Teddy Bear Adventure for tamariki, a Digital Confidence Cafe, a Community Craft Circle, a 3D Printing Showcase, a Community Services Expo, and a Book Lovers Brunch with a visiting author. Scavenger hunts will run throughout the week, along with prize entries for new members.

"This is a proud day for Ngātea. He Pātaka Kōrero belongs to our community, and I can't think of a better way to open it than with a whole week of events that bring people together. Whether you come along for storytime, a craft circle, or just to find a quiet corner with a book, there's a place for you here. Come and make it yours," says Deputy Mayor, Paul Milner.

The full opening week programme is available on the library website at library.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

Our libraries in Waihi and Paeroa will be opening late from 12pm on Wednesday 22 July as our team take the time to welcome in the new space. Our service centres in both locations remain open as per normal.

Regular opening hours

He Pātaka Kōrero | Hauraki Plains Library and Service Centre

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Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views through the Head Start Pathway: Simplifying Local Government survey.

We received 757 responses between 9 June and 5 July 2026. Your feedback gives us a clearer picture of what matters most to our communities as conversations continue about the future shape of local government.

Mayor Toby Adams said the main message was clear it showed how strongly people care about the future of their communities.

"People are open to change, but they want any new council setup to keep local voices strong and at the forefront, keep costs fair, and make sure our towns, rural areas and coastal communities are all looked after."

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Movie leaves audience frightened in Waihi



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

1933

The most fascinatingly weird drama of strange situations and characters to be seen in Waihi for a long time was the movie, *The Old Dark House*, screening at the Academy Theatre.

It left the audience in a stage of frightened enjoyment after holding them on edge throughout its rapid succession of exciting sequences. Based on the story by the celebrated English author, J B Priestley, the movie told the story of storm driven travellers seeking a night's lodging in a bleak, forbidding old house in the lonely Welsh mountains, only to discover its inhabitants are dangerously insane and under the spell of a malignant giant servant.

Boris Karloff, as the hulking giant, was twice as terrifying Frankenstein, his sensational make-up being something to see.

Meanwhile, Paeroa was agog at a man hunt in the surrounding hill country after a series of break-ins and thefts. The



'Komata Bushranger', as he was named, had raided a number of empty houses in the Maratoto and Komata area. Suspicion fell on a stranger who had spent a night with Mr Harris, of Maratoto. He was about 5ft 10in, around 50 years of age and an active, well set up man dressed in a good brown suit. He seemed slightly eccentric.

However, after several caches of stolen goods were found and footprints followed all trace of the bushranger was lost. There were many old mine workings where a man could live undisturbed for a very long time. Several settlers helped the police, and because two guns had been reported stolen some deemed it wise to arm themselves. While

the police were very anxious to apprehend the thief they dismissed any suggestion of danger, being of opinion that the man was an oddball and merely entering empty houses in search of food.

The 'Komata Bushranger' was finally apprehended and charged at the Paeroa court. He gave police a great deal of information in an effort to clean up his misdeeds.

He had kept a diary of all the stolen articles so that they could be returned to the owners. He said that on being released from jail he had been sent to work for a Turua farmer.

On the farmer learning that he had been in jail he had refused to give him work. This was a common experience, he said, and did much to prevent those who had once gone wrong from going straight afterwards.

There was little chance for men such as him and nothing else for them to do but to clear out.

Meanwhile, the signposting activities of the Automobile Association were proceeding apace in the Thames Valley and Coromandel district. A patrolman, in his familiar yellow truck, carried out a comprehensive tour and a large number of new signs were placed in position, mainly for the protection of strangers. In particular, the 'one car' bridges on the coast between Thames and Coromandel received attention as well as other places where visibility was obscured.

Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. The Green Goblin, Doctor Octopus and Venom are villains associated with which superhero? a) Batman, b) Spider-Man, or c) Superman?
2. Heihei is what sort of animal in Disney's Moana movie and its sequel? a) Crab, b) pig, or c) rooster?
3. True or false: the only New Zealander to have been into space is a man named Mark Rocket?
4. Africa's 'Big 5' animals include two species of big cats, lions and which other? a) Cheetahs, b) leopards, or c.) tigers?
5. True or false: Switzerland does not have an army?
6. Torvill and Dean are names associated with which sport? a) Curling, b) figure skating, or c) tennis?
7. Which classic song lists the chord progression in its lyrics as it progresses? a) *Billie Jean* by Michael Jackson, b) *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen, or c) *Imagine* by John Lennon?
8. Geophagy is a term that refers to an organism eating what? a) Insects, b) itself, or c) soil or earth?
9. John Lithgow, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Kristen Johnston starred in which TV sitcom series where aliens take on human forms? a) *3rd Rock from the Sun*, b) *Mork and Mindy*, or c) *My Favourite Martian*?
10. In the late 1960s, The Beatles wanted to make a movie version of a book, but were denied permission to do so by the author. What was the book? a) *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, b) *The Hobbit*, or c) *The Lord of the Rings*?

ANSWERS: 1. b) Spider-Man; 2. c) Rooster; 3. True. He was born Mark Stevens, but changed his name just prior to his space flight in the year 2000; 4. b) Leopards; 5. False. They may be neutral, but they do have armed forces; 6. b) Figure skating; 7. 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen; 8. c) Soil or earth; 9. a) 3rd Rock from the Sun; 10. c) The Lord of the Rings. Lennon would play Gollum, Paul McCartney would play Frodo, George Harrison would be Gandalf and Ringo Starr would play Sam. J.R.R. Tolkien personally disapproved.

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On the Land

Kauri protection platform wins award

A New Zealand-developed platform helping protect Kauri trees has been recognised internationally for its use of geospatial technology.

Kete Aronui, a data system that helps protect New Zealand's Kauri trees from the deadly pathogen *Phytophthora agathidicida* [PA], received a Special Achievement in GIS Award in the Environment and Natural Resources category at the Esri User Conference in San Diego last week.

The platform is delivered by Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand [LINZ] on behalf of the Tiakina Kauri Management Agency within Biosecurity New Zealand.

LINZ principal geospatial specialist and Programme Lead Michael Green said the award recognised years of collaboration.

"LINZ began supporting Tiakina Kauri and the Kauri Programme in late 2022, with Kete Aronui officially launching in November, 2024," he said. "Since its launch, the platform has evolved and now delivers a broad range of tools and services that support Kauri protection efforts, including surveillance, risk mapping, soil sampling, and other critical activities."

Receiving the Special Achievement in GIS Award was a significant acknowledgement of the innovation, technical expertise, and commitment demonstrated by the team, he said.

"The award also recognises the strong partnership-driven approach that has underpinned the platform's development, with Tiakina Kauri and the wider Kauri community playing a vital role in shaping its success."

Kauri are a taonga [treasure] of Aotearoa

Kauri are a taonga of NZ.

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New Zealand and the third largest conifer in the world. A National PA Pest Management Plan came into effect in August, 2022, and is the strongest form of protection available under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to help protect Kauri from *Phytophthora agathidicida*.

PA infects Kauri trees through their roots and restricts their ability to transport water and nutrients between their roots and the leaves. This eventually starves and kills the Kauri.

The soil-borne pathogen is spread by soil movement, including by: footwear, clothing or equipment that touches the soil; vehicles that have driven through infected areas; and animals, including wild pigs and stock, that have walked through infected areas.

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On the Land

Gulf Marine Park faces increasing threats

By RNZ

A new report is warning the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is under increasingly intense pressure from ecological threats.

But, the Hauraki Gulf Forum's latest report said there were now "clearer and more co-ordinated efforts to respond" to issues impacting the Gulf.

The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, Tikapa Moana, Te Moananui-ō-Toi, stretches 14,000 square kilometres from Te Arai to Waihi. It was considered the seabird capital of the world - however, 86 percent of those seabirds were threatened or endangered.

The Hauraki Gulf Forum recently released its eighth report on the state of the Gulf since it began monitoring it more than 25 years ago.

Forum co-chairperson Nicola MacDonald said climate-related extreme weather events were still sending torrents of polluted and sediment-filled water into the Gulf's estuaries and harbours. "More than 2300 drainage leaks and overflows were identified over the last three-year State of our Gulf reporting period as part of tackling ageing and badly designed infrastructure in Tāmaki."

She said that although overflows had reduced in some areas in recent years, in the same reporting period, more than 3000 new consents were given for residential and commercial buildings within 200m of the Gulf. "We're yet to fix the past and current faults, and somehow new developments are consented without assurance that we have the infrastructure to manage existing, let alone future, pressures."

"We must pull all the levers within our control to bring our infrastructure up to scratch as this is a social, environmental and economic risk."

On a positive note, the report said forest birds were returning on the Gulf islands,



The report says populations of kōura (crayfish) have been depleted.

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crediting the work of mana whenua and communities on pest-free projects.

Forum co-chairperson and Thames-Coromandel Councillor Warren Maher said they were concerned destructive fishing practices such as bottom trawling were continuing.

The report said populations of kōura (crayfish) had been depleted, and tipa (scallop) fisheries remained closed to allow for recovery.

It said nearly 40 percent of coastal reefs in the Gulf have had its kelp eaten by kina and were now "barrens" due to overfishing.

"Recovery happens faster for all marine biodiversity if fishing pressures are re-

duced," Maher said.

"The recently shelved Fisheries Amendment Bill 2026 did nothing to advance an ecosystem-based approach to commercial fishing, and the forum stood firmly against it. The Gulf is an interconnected system, and we cannot continue to approach its management and restoration in a piecemeal and tentative way."

The report said the pressure marine heatwaves were having on already sedimented in-shore environments had seen Tuangi (cockles) return slower and smaller. Tāmure (snapper) were also showing signs of poor nutrition and were smaller sizes for their

age.

MacDonald said rāhui laid by mana whenua to protect taonga species such as kōura, tipa, tuangi and other intertidal shellfish across the Gulf were helping, alongside the legislation introduced in 2025.

"Rāhui are adaptive and localised and are playing a crucial role in lifting pressure from taonga species that have been over harvested and are experiencing layers of stress from climate change effects and sedimentation."

But the forum's report said the efforts of communities and mana whenua were being "overwhelmed by the scale of decline".

It said if central and regional decision-makers "match the energy and ambition already expressed locally" it might "turn the tide for the Gulf".

"This is about community-led adaptation ensuring that our local land management practices directly support the restoration of our marine environment," Maher said.

"The work ahead is significant, but we know the path forward based on strong science and mātauranga across all eight of the State of our Gulf Reports."

"What this year's report calls for is greater coordination, increased pace and scale of action. We've made some good decisions recently and taken strong action, but it's going to take a great deal more commitment and effort to get the job done from grassroots to central government."

Marine protection legislation in 2025 enabled six percent of the Marine Park to be designated as high protection areas.

High protection areas were designed to restore marine ecosystems while allowing authorised customary fishing practices to continue. The forum's goal was for 30 percent of the park to be designated as high protection by 2030.

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Portable heaters have their place. Understanding the basic costs and benefits of each type of portable heater could avoid a disappointing result. Heat pumps are now well-established as the primary heat source for kiwi homes. Further, a heat pump can cool a room as well as heat it, allowing you to use it as an air conditioner.

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Colossal catch clinches club record

FISHING

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Just before Jackson Green reeled in “the biggest fish of my life”, there were tuna jumping out of the water left, right and centre.

“I could feel the adrenaline pumping through my veins,” the 12-year-old angler said.

He recalled the smell of sea salt, the sound of the “reel screaming” and the splashes from the fish behind the lures.

“I’ve caught lots of yellow fin tuna and some other little species, but those little fights were too easy, I was after something bigger.

“By the splash, I knew straight away it was a big one,” he told *The Profile*.

The keen fisher was correct.

The year 8 student from Hikutaia School was fishing off his dad’s boat, Greenies Waka, at Waihau Bay on June 19, when he pulled up a colossal 87.2kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on a 60kg line.

He thought he’d be there for hours, he said, but it only took around 15 to 20 minutes to secure the fish.

“It was quite easy because it was hooked down deep in the gills.”

He was amazed at how massive it was - it looked about twice the size when they got it to the boat.

“I felt quite proud of myself.”

But the young fisher didn’t just reel in his biggest ever catch.

Jackson, who was also part of the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club, also snapped up the junior club record and locked in the heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna for the club for the 2025/2026 season.



Jackson Green, 12, breaks the record for the heaviest Southern Bluefin Tuna for the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club for the 2025/2026 season. Photo: SUPPLIED

He said he was excited and was able to share in his joy with a round of high-fives and encouragement from his crew on the day - dad Michael Green, his dad’s friend, Bryce Hickey, and four-year-old brother Franek.

He caught the record-breaker with a Shimano Tiagra Game Fishing Reel with a custom built rod on a 60kg line.

At one point his arms got sore, during the hardest part when the tuna was “fighting hard” to swim down, he said.

“So when you’re on the fish and normally it’s trying to go down, but then your drag’s stopping it from going down. And the more drag you put in it, the more it’ll fight,” he said.

Jackson Green’s passion for the sport was inspired by his dad and kickstarted when he was “old enough to hold a rod”.

He was around 2-years old when he took part in his first fishing competition, and the rest was history.

He looked forward to one day fishing at Three Kings Islands, and the next fish on his list to catch was a big blue marlin.

It wasn’t just about the fish though, he said it was also a time to make memories with his dad.

When Jackson wasn’t behind the rod, he could be found with a camera capturing footage of their trips and adventures.

He loved to catch the fish, but said he also enjoyed making fishing videos because “it’s fun to film all the action” for people to see.

“I want them to feel like they were there the whole time experiencing everything.”

His two big dreams were to one day do fishing charters and also make fishing content and get sponsored by brands like Shimano and Daiwa, he said.

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In this recital, the university will present a programme of ensemble works, with three pieces featuring Sitiveni Palei on trumpet, and Indiana Williamson and Samara Nation on violin, each playing with the university's string orchestra.

Other pieces feature one trio - made up of Thalia Kelly on piano, William Zhang on violin, and Luke Hu on cello - and a few quartets featuring combinations of the following musicians: Lara Hall on violin, Samara Nation on either viola or cello, Indiana Williamson on violin, Joelle

Fordham on violin, Tamsin Kreymborg on cello, Jaxon Drabble on piano, Nrusingha Rath on violin, and Isaiah Kaiawe on violin.

The programme includes Handel's Suite for Trumpet and Orchestra in D major, BWV 341, Vivaldi's Winter from The Four Seasons (Concerto in F minor, RV 297), Beethoven's Piano Trio No. 1 in E-flat major, Op. 1, and Haydn's String Quartet in G minor, Op. 74 No. 3, The Rider, among other works.

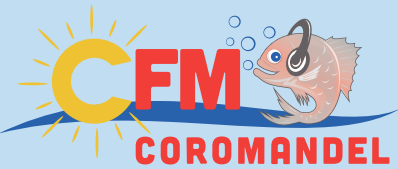
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Waikato music students will perform in Thames this Friday.
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Matariki moments

Students, staff and the wider Goldfields School whānau gathered on July 3 to not only celebrate Matariki but also to celebrate their uara (value) of the term - Kaitiakitanga (caring for each other, their school and their community). Everyone celebrated in style too, dressed in orange to mark the occasion. The day kicked off with the Great Goldfields Trash Tramp, where the students went on a hikoī to the Centennial Park fields to pick up rubbish and “help keep our community clean”, Matua Caleb Koia-Hamling told *The Profile*. “Back at kura we had Matariki

and Kaitiakitanga activities including a recycling relay, a Matariki Speedy Super-Star race, face painting, Matariki art, and Matariki stories.” The day was followed by a disco and hāngi surrounded by whānau and friends. “All of the activities were driven from our student voice at the student council, where they had a hui about what they would like at their Uara Day,” he said. “Needless to say it went well, because the tamariki know best what the tamariki want. “The vibes were awesome, the kai was tino reka (delicious), and the day was an amazing orange-filled success. A huge thank you to all the kaiako, whānau and everyone else who helped make this day what it was.”



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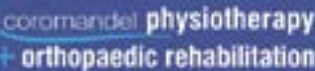
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When turning back is the wiser way forward

OPINION
By MICHAEL WILKES

This morning I headed out for another early run. Five o'clock. Still dark. Every-one sane still in bed.

And on a whim, I decided to explore some hunter trails up in the bush. I had this grand idea I'd link a few tracks together and make a cool loop back home.

Simple. Or so I thought.

Somewhere along the way... I lost the trail. And then came a choice. Backtrack and get out safe and sound... Or keep pushing into

the unknown, determined to make my original plan work.

Naturally, I chose the second option. And what followed was less "rugged adventurer" and more "lost bloke making poor decisions." I circled. A lot.

Ended up on a farm.

Found myself sprinting down a track pursued by some very unimpressed farm dogs.

Crossed a stream.

And eventually snuck through someone's property at six in the morning just to get back to the road looking slightly less heroic than I'd imagined.

As I ran home laughing at myself, it struck me how often life

works like that.

We can confuse stubbornness with strength. We can assume that success always means pushing forward no matter what.

But often, it doesn't.

Sometimes success is persistence. And sometimes success is recognising the plan isn't working.

And having the humility to turn around. There's a strange pride in trying to force something because we've already invested so much in it — a job, a strategy, a relationship dynamic, a direction we chose years ago.

We tell ourselves backing up means failure. But sometimes backtracking isn't failure at all.

It's wisdom.

Success rarely comes from charging blindly into the bush hoping it'll somehow all work out.

It comes from moving with a clear sense of direction — and being willing to reassess when needed. Sometimes the strongest thing you can do is cut your losses and take a better path.

That's not quitting. That's learning. There's an old saying that a wise person changes their mind when new understanding comes.

I reckon that's underrated.

Because not every closed path is something to bulldoze through.

Sometimes it's an invitation to reroute. So maybe the question to-

day is this: Where in your life are you blazing ahead simply because you've already committed to the track... when wisdom might be inviting you to pause, reassess, and find a better way?

Because sometimes turning back... is actually how you move forward.

Michael Wilkes is a Living Well Trust Youth Worker. He and his team provide mentoring and resilience programmes across Thames and Paeroa to more than 300 students a year. They are passionate about supporting our young people to thrive. Much of this work is funded outside of schools and it becoming increasingly challenging in the current climate. Email michael@livingwell.org.nz to sign up to their quarterly newsletter or to become a supporter.

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FOOTBALL

Thames survive late scare to claim narrow victory

Result: Waikato Unicol Blacks 0-1 Thames Men's Firsts With just six weeks remaining in the season, Thames Men's Firsts traveled to Jase-n Park and dug deep to grind out a gritty 1-0 victory over Waikato Unicol Blacks, further strengthening their grip on second place.

A bright start saw a flurry of chances. Men's top scorer Jake Hud-son pounced on a defensive mistake to chip the goalkeeper, but the ball skimmed the crossbar. Moments

later, a cross was mishandled, giving Xavier Brown a chance, but his close-range shot was cleared off the line amid handball appeals from the Thames players, which were waved away. Hudson created the next op-portunity by latching onto a long ball before picking out Raegen Winslow, who expertly turned his defender but poked his effort just wide.

Next, a Keegan Apperley low drive bounced kindly for Hudson, whose first-time volley was well saved by Josh Casbolt in the Unicol goal. Soon after, neat interplay down the left be-tween Winslow and Apperley once again picked out Hudson at the back

post, but after checking inside, he fired narrowly wide. Despite their prolonged spell of pressure, Thames were unable to make their domi-nance count, with the sides going into the break deadlocked at 0-0.

The introduction of fresh legs in the second half gave Thames renewed impetus, with Darius King and Ryan Danby both trying their luck from range before King found another pocket of space in the box, only to fire high and wide. Unicol's resolute resistance was eventually broken midway through the second half. Ap-perley dribbled into space on the left and curled a pinpoint pass into the

path of Michael Kim, who controlled the ball on his thigh before lashing a powerful half-volley into the far cor-ner for 1-0. A late Unicol surge made for a nervy finish, but Thames held firm thanks in large part to another outstanding display from goalkeeper Mathew Burchell. His finest moment came in the dying seconds, with a bril-liant one-handed reaction save to tip a close-range effort over the bar.

"This was a closely contested match against a young Unicol team, but we defended really well and, most im-portantly, played as a team to get the three points," captain Mickaël Der-noncourt said. Thames Men are back

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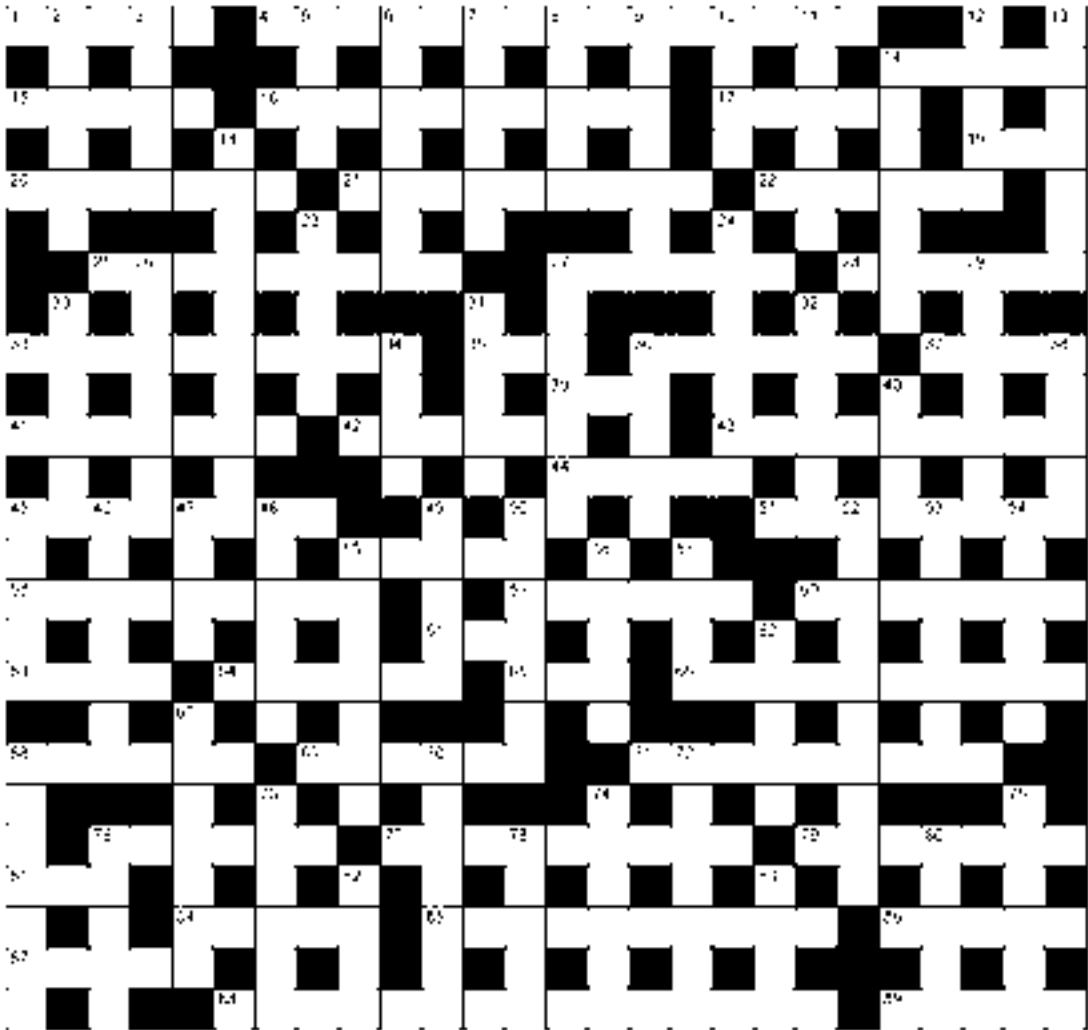
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